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This past month, the numismatic staff of CNG had the pleasure of attending the XV International Numismatic Congress, a gathering of numismatic scholars, dealers, collectors, and journalists from around the world. Countless talks were given by the foremost researchers in the field, enlightening us on everything from obscure areas of Greek coinage to equally obscure areas of 18th century medals. While dealers and academics might at first seem to be two groups who harbor some animosity towards each another, the camaraderie at the Congress was exceptional and all parties were united by their shared passion for numismatics. This event highlights what is to me one of the most unique aspects of our business – our remarkable dedication to numismatic scholarship. We return eager to implement this newly acquired knowledge in the upcoming catalogs and sales.

Bill Dalzell

The last six weeks have been quite busy, and the next six look just as active as we work towards printer deadlines for our January 2016 Triton XIX sale.

We want to thank all of you who helped make CNG 100 a successful auction. With over 1400 bidders from all over the world, this milestone sale hammered at \$6.8 million on a presale estimate of \$4.5 million, with a healthy 95% of lots sold. Despite some industry talk about market softness, we are in a period of robust prices when interesting material is available. Looking at results from sales in Europe and the United States over the last two weeks we see strong results (despite the fact that too many coins were on offer in too short a period of time).

The current Review reflects what we have been able to purchase over the last few months. David has assembled a varied offering of British, and we are excited to be able to offer an important group of Seleukid coins from the “Friend of a Scholar Collection”. As provenance has become more highly valued in recent years, this collection, put together in past decades, presents an attractive opportunity for the Seleukid or Hellenistic specialist. It is our hope that this collection can be sold intact, as it reflects one collector’s patient dedication to scholarship and connoisseurship in putting this remarkable group together.

On a final note, it was a pleasure seeing many of you in Taormina in late September at the XV International Numismatic Congress. This gathering, held every six years, is refreshing as it brings together in a relaxed setting so many people with a shared love of numismatics. For those of you who have not previously attended one of these events, we highly recommend the next congress, which will be held in Warsaw in 2021.

Victor England
Eric J. McFadden

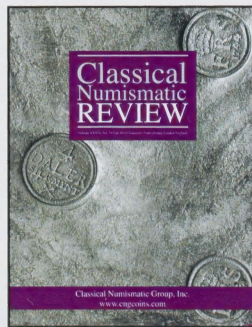
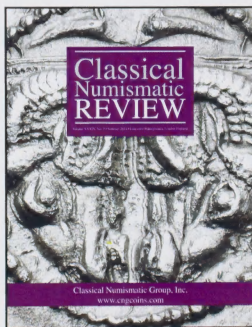
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44th New York International
January 7-10, 2016
Waldorf-Astoria Hotel
301 Park Avenue (between 49th & 50th)
January 7, Noon-7PM Preview
January 8-10, 10AM-7PM (3PM on the 10th)

Printed Auction Schedule

Triton XIX - 5-6 January 2016
CNG 102 - 18 May 2016
CNG 103 - 21 September 2016
Triton XX - 10-11 January 2017

Consignment Deadlines

Deadlines for Printed Auction Consignments

CNG 102 - 15 January 2016
CNG 103 - 17 June 2016
Triton XX - 16 September 2016

Deadlines for Electronic Auction Consignments

Ongoing – About 90 days before scheduled sale

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A Brief History of Classical Numismatic Group, Inc. On the Occasion of CNG's Auction 100

VICTOR ENGLAND Ltd.

Original sign for Victor England, Ltd.

The beginnings of Classical Numismatic Group can be traced back to the spring of 1975, when Victor England graduated from the University of Denver and decided to enter the rare coin business. Victor first pursued the path of dealing in United States, ancient, and world coins, but after attending a coin show in Biloxi, Mississippi, and realizing that his merchandise was about the same as every other dealer's, he decided to switch his focus entirely to ancient, medieval, and world coinage. He decided it was more fun to sell history than to argue about the nuances of grading U.S. coins. Victor England Ltd. was started in Denver, Colorado out of an office on South University Boulevard, not far from his alma mater.

Victor almost immediately began publishing fixed price lists and mail bid auction sales, and by the time he published Volume II, No. 5, he had announced his relocation to San Francisco, California. Business was conducted out of Suite 717, at 500 Sansome Street, and soon Victor hired his first numismatic employee, Stephen M. Huston. After a crippling burglary in February of 1980 at the Sansome street office, Victor again relocated back to Denver. He reestablished his business in Denver during the summer of 1980, and would remain in the Denver area until the fall of 1983, when he decided to once again relocate, this time to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, where his parents still lived and where Victor had attended high school before he left for the University of Denver back in 1971. Victor married in 1983, and he and Cathy decided that Lancaster County was the place to start their family.



San Francisco, CA office (1978-1980)



Quarryville, PA office (1983-1993)

Victor purchased a home in the rural community of Quarryville, Pennsylvania, which would become the base of his operations for the next ten years. In 1986, Victor decided to enter the competitive world of coin auctions. To that end, he hired Karen L. Zander to be his office manager, and formed Classical Numismatic Auctions, Ltd., which conducted its first auction on 1 May 1987 in New York City at the Sheraton Center Hotel & Towers, familiar to many as the home of the New York International Numismatic Convention since the early 1970s. The auctioneer for the first sale was Herbert J. Kreindler, a noted dealer in ancient coins, and this relationship with Herb has continued to this day. Other important influences on Victor's early career were Charles H. Wolfe, Sr., John Barton (Owl Ltd.), Thomas P. McKenna, and Joel Malter.

Victor decided he needed help to continue the auction sales, and Kerry K. Wetterstrom joined the firm in time for the next sale held on 7 November 1987, this time in conjunction with the Grand Central Coin Convention, held across the street from the Sheraton at the Omni Park Hotel. As the number of auctions increased, both public and mail bid only sales (yes, Virginia, this was before the Internet), additional employees were added: first Peter L. Lampinen in late 1989, and then Dawn Ahlgren in mid 1990.



The next step in the evolution of what was to become CNG started with conversations at several coin shows in the late 1980s between Victor and Eric J. McFadden. Eric was based in Southern California; he had studied Classics at Pomona College and Oxford University (where he was president of the Oxford University Numismatic Society), and he had worked as a volunteer at the Getty Museum organizing the museum's coin collection. Eric then worked at Numismatic Fine Arts, Inc. in the late 1970's and early 1980s. He left NFA to obtain his law degree from Harvard Law School, where he paid his expenses by dealing part-time in ancient coins. Eric continued to deal in ancient coins during his four years as an attorney, and eventually realized that he preferred the ancient coin field to a law career. In 1990, Victor and Eric decided to join forces as partners.

At this point, the company of Victor England Ltd. ceased to exist, and a new corporation was formed: Classical Numismatic Group with offices in Quarryville, Pennsylvania and Beverly Hills, California. Eric's tenure in Beverly Hills was to be short-lived, however, as a new opportunity presented itself during COINEX, the annual London coin fair, in the autumn of 1990. An agreement was made whereby CNG purchased the rights to the numismatic business of the venerable London firm, B.A. Seaby Ltd.

Effective in March of 1991, CNG took over the daily coin operations of Seaby, which at that time was located at 7 Davies Street just off Berkeley Square. It was soon decided that Eric would close the Beverly Hills office and relocate to London in order to manage the Seaby coin business for CNG.

The purchase of Seaby Coins gave CNG a foothold in the European market, and Eric helped to establish Seaby/CNG as one of the leading firms in ancient, British, and world coinages in London. Eric will be observing his 25th year of managing CNG's London operations in 2016.

Back stateside, CNG's U.S. business continued to grow, which prompted a move from the sleepy village of Quarryville to the larger community of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. A 19th century farmhouse was purchased in 1993, renovated, and the offices were moved there in January of 1994. Cathy England had joined the firm full-time in 1991, and the numismatic staff grew with the addition of Barry P. Murphy in January of 1992, and more office space (and bookshelf space!) was needed.

As the firm continued to grow in the 1990s, CNG continued hiring and became a training ground for classical numismatists. As various staff members would leave to pursue other opportunities, others stepped in, and today, after 25 years since its founding, Classical Numismatic Group's list of alumni is impressive.



Lancaster, PA office (1994-2008)

In alphabetical order, the following numismatists have worked for the firm in the U.S.: Dr. Lawrence A. Adams, Benjamin R. Bell, Jeremy Bostwick, William A. Dalzell, A.J. Gatlin, Peter Lampinen, John C. Lavender, Ken McDewitt, David Michaels, Barry Murphy, Bradley Nelson, William B. Porter, Jeff Rill, Wayne G. Sayles, Col. Ted Schmidt, Scott VanHorn, Kerry Wetterstrom, and W. Jeffrey Winter. In the London office, the list includes: David Guest, Eugene Paunov, Bridget Roe, Julia Trocmé-Latter, Max Tursi, and Italo Vecchi. Various numismatists have served as interns at CNG, including William A. Dalzell, Leif Davisson, Sam Spiegel, and Alex Steinmetz.



Victor England, Bill Porter, Cathy England, Karen Zander, Benjamin Bell, Bradley Nelson, Barry Murphy, Dawn Ahlgren (Spring 2002)

The list of experts that CNG has consulted over the years is also impressive and includes (in alphabetical order): BCD, Catharine C. Lorber, William Metcalf, Wayne Moore, Y.T. Nercessian, Fred B. Shore, Dr. Gordon A. Singer, John Spring, Karl Stephens, David Vagi, and William B. Warden, Jr. CNG has conducted many joint auctions over the years with other leading firms, including: Harlan J. Berk, Ltd., Freeman & Sear, Gitbud & Naumann, Fritz Rudolf Künker GmbH & Co KG, Numismatica Ars Classica (NAC) AG, Nomos AG, St. James's Auctions (Stephen Fenton), Karl Stephens, and M. Louis Teller & Company.

Over the years, CNG has been privileged to handle the sale of many important private collections, as well as museum consignments from institutions such as the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, the Phoenix Art Museum, the American Numismatic Society, the MoneyMuseum (Zürich), the Royal Ontario Museum, and the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

As the Internet and Digital Age evolved, CNG has taken full advantage of these new tools, and now has a major presence on the Internet through its website www.cngcoins.com. Today, in addition to our three printed auction catalogues per year, CNG has conducted over 350 biweekly electronic auctions on our website. Utilizing state-of-the-art digital photography, and the talents of our in-house photographers, Travis Markel and Jessica Garloff, and our research staff, CNG maintains a digital archive on its website under the "RESEARCH" banner, with access to our internal search engine including over 240,000 items we have sold since we began archiving material on the web in 2000. This part of the site is freely accessible to everyone (without registration), and is used by collectors, dealers, and academics from around the world.



Victor England, Cathy England, Bradley Nelson, Bill Dalzell, Jeremy Bostwick, Dawn Ahlgren, Jeff Rill, Ken McDevitt, Dale Tatro, Scott VanHorn, Karen Zander, A.J. Gatlin, Jessica Garloff, Travis Markel (December 2010)

Over the last 25 years, CNG has also been active in the broader advancement of numismatics. CNG has published over 25 numismatic books, ranging from specialist studies to practical guides, including titles that have won major awards and several that are recognized as the standard references in their fields. In the U.S., CNG has worked with the American Numismatic Society in various endeavors, and in 2010 the ANS presented Victor with the ANS Trustees' Award and made him the honoree at the annual ANS gala. In 2015, the American Numismatic Association presented Victor with the Harry J. Forman Dealer of the Year Award.

In the U.K., CNG has established the CNG Roman and Byzantine Fund, administered through the Royal Numismatic Society, to provide grants for the study of Roman and Byzantine Numismatics, and CNG sponsors the annual CNG Lecture at Oxford's Ashmolean Museum. Eric has been particularly active in the International Association of Professional Numismatists (IAPN), the international numismatic trade organization; he has served as president of the IAPN and continues to serve as the president of the IAPN's authentication bureau, the International Bureau for the Suppression of Counterfeit Coins (IBSCC).

By 2008, CNG was once more in need of larger office quarters, so a new building was purchased, remodeled, and occupied by the summer. In London, Seaby/CNG relocated in the fall of 2014 from its long-time space on Old Bond Street to a new location at 20 Bloomsbury Street, near the British Museum.

Today, as CNG celebrates 40 years in the numismatic trade (Victor England Ltd. – 1975 to 1990; CNG Inc. – 1990 to date), the company continues to grow and prosper. Victor England continues to manage the Lancaster office while Eric McFadden runs the office in London. Working with them is a team of experienced professional numismatists: Bradley Nelson—Senior Numismatist, Scott VanHorn, Jeff Rill, Ken McDevitt, Jeremy Bostwick, Bill Dalzell, and Kerry Wetterstrom in Lancaster and David Guest in London. Accounting, shipping, and general operations are handled by Cathy England, Karen Zander, Dawn Ahlgren, and Dale Tatro in Lancaster. Alexandra Spyra and Tina Jordan keep the London office running smoothly. CNG's Creative Arts Staff consists of Travis Markel and Jessica Garloff. CNG now sells over 20,000 coins annually, and over the past 10 years, we have sold more than \$200 million dollars worth of coins at auction and set numerous price records.



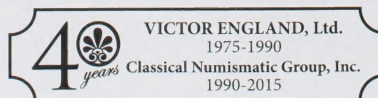
Lancaster, PA office (2008-present)

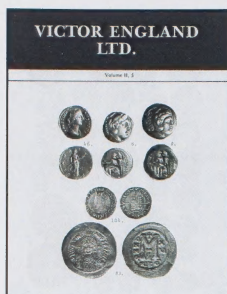


US Office: Kerry Wetterstrom, Ken McDevitt, Travis Markel, Dawn Ahlgren, Jeremy Bostwick, Karen Zander, Jeff Rill, Dale Tatro, Bill Dalzell, Jessica Garloff, Cathy England, Bradley Nelson, Victor England, Scott VanHorn (Summer 2015)

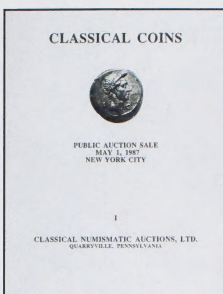


UK Office: Alexandra Spyra, David Guest, Eric McFadden, Tina Jordan (Summer 2015)

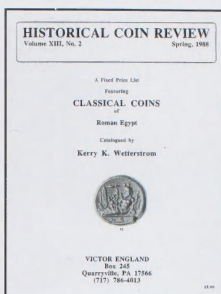




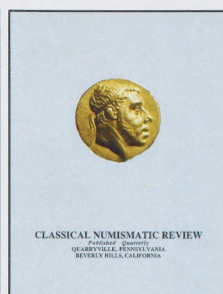
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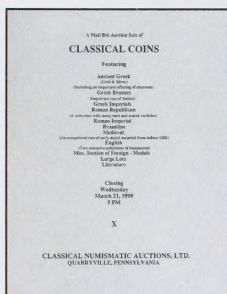
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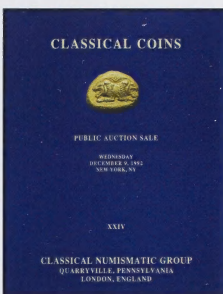
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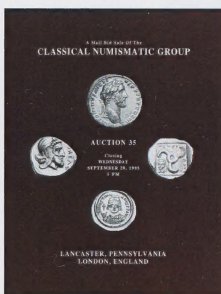
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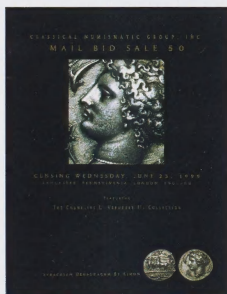
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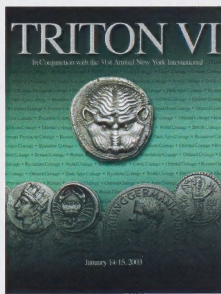
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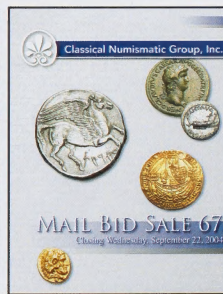
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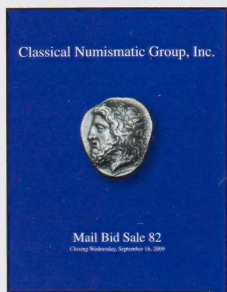
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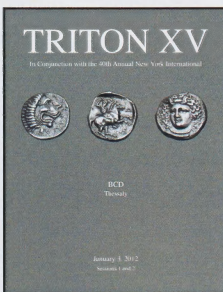
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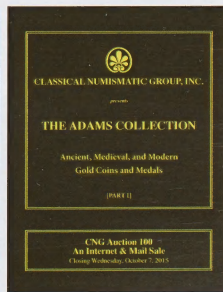
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Triton XV
BCD Thessaly
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Internet and Mail Bid Sale 100
The Adams Collection
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416039. ETRURIA, Populonia. Circa 300-250 BC. AV 25 Asses (13mm, 1.45 g). Head of lion right; AXX / Blank. EC Series 21 (O1); HN Italy 128; SNG Lockett 42; SNG Lloyd 10; SNG ANS 2; Jameson 17 (all from same dies). Choice EF, toned. \$9750



411598. CALABRIA, Tarentum. Circa 390-385 BC. AR Nomos (21mm, 7.23 g, 6h). Youth on horse galloping right; Λ below / Phalanthos, holding aphlaston, astride dolphin left. Fischer-Bossert Group 28 (unlisted dies); HN Italy 870. VF, toned, minor marks and deposits, small test cut on reverse. \$365

Ex L/JH Collection; G. Hirsch 271 (17 February 2011), lot 1630.

411599. LUCANIA, Metapontion. Circa 510-470 BC. AR Nomos (23mm, 7.72 g, 12h). Ear of barley with seven grains; META upward to right / Incuse ear of barley with six grains. Noe Class IX; HN Italy 1482. VF, lightly toned, a few marks, minor roughness. \$975

Ex Classical Numismatic Group 90 (23 May 2012), lot 306.



410141. MOESIA, Istros. Circa 313-280 BC. AR Drachm (17mm, 6.00 g). Facing male heads, the left inverted / Sea eagle left, grasping dolphin with talons; ΞΤΡΠΗ above, ΑΠ monogram below. Dima Group IV.IV, 4; AMNG I 417; SNG BM Black Sea 247-8; SNG Stancomb 147. EF, lightly toned. \$1250



414137. KINGS of THRACE, Macedonian. Lysimachos. 305-281 BC. AR Tetradrachm (29mm, 17.15 g, 12h). Lampsakos mint. Struck 297/9-282/1 BC. Diademed head of the deified Alexander right, with horn of Ammon / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΥΣΙΜΑΧΟΥ, Athena Nikephoros seated left, left arm resting on shield, transverse spear in background; monogram in inner left field, star on throne. Thompson 45; Müller -. Good VF, toned. \$795



414138. KINGS of THRACE, Macedonian. *Lysimachos*. 305-281 BC. AR Tetradrachm (30mm, 17.25 g, 1h). Ephesos mint. Struck circa 294-287 BC. Diademed head of the deified Alexander right, with horn of Ammon / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΥΞΙΜΑΧΟΥ. Athena Nikephoros seated left, left arm resting on shield, transverse spear in background; bee to inner left, monogram on throne. Thompson 166 var. (placement of monogram); Müller 426 var. (same). Good VF, lightly toned. Fine style. \$1250



411432. KINGS of MACEDON. Alexander III 'the Great'. 336-323 BC. AR Tetradrachm (27mm, 17.36 g, 10h). Tarsos mint. Struck under Menes of Philotas, circa 327-323 BC. Head of Herakles right, wearing lion skin / ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ. Zeus Aëtrophoros seated left; plow in left field, Θ below throne, pellet above right arm. Newell, *Tarsos* 38 (obv. die XXXIX); Price 3032. EF, toned. \$1250



406347. KINGS of MACEDON. Antigonos I Monophthalmos. As Strategos of Asia, 320-306/5 BC, or king, 306/5-301 BC. AR Drachm (18.5mm, 4.48 g, 11h). In the name and types of Alexander III. Kolophon mint. Struck circa 310-301 BC. Head of Herakles right / ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ. Zeus Aëtrophoros seated left; KA monogram in left field, crescent below throne. Price 1825. Good VF, toned, a hint of porosity, a little die wear on obverse, slightly off center on reverse. \$225

974143. KINGS of MACEDON. temp. Perseus. 179-168 BC. AR Drachm (15mm, 2.54 g, 11h). Third Macedonian War issue. Rhodian standard. Uncertain mint in Thessaly; Hermias, magistrate. Struck circa 171/0 BC. Head of Helios facing slightly right / Rose with bud to right; ΕΡΜΙΑΣ above, Σ Ω flanking stem. Price, *Larissa*, pl. LV, 247; SNG Keckman 795. Superb EF, small metal flaw on cheek. \$495

In his 1988 article on Rhodian imitations, R. Ashton has argued persuasively that this coinage was struck by Perseus to pay Cretan mercenaries serving in his army (see "A Series of Pseudo-Rhodian Drachms from Mainland Greece," NC 1988, pp. 29-30). The Rhodian coinage circulated on Crete, where it was a familiar and trusted currency for the Cretans, and it is likely that they would have required payment in that form (see also R. Ashton, SM 146 [May 1987], p. 34).



402962. KINGS of PAEONIA. Patraos. Circa 335-315 BC. AR Tetradrachm (25mm, 12.50 g, 9h). Astibos or Damastion mint. Laureate head of Apollo right / Warrior on horse rearing right, thrusting spear held in his right hand at enemy below who defends with shield on his left arm; helmet (or omphalos?) behind horse's rear legs; ΠΑ-ΤΡΑΟ-Υ (retrograde) downward to left. Paeonian Hoard 221-6 (same dies); Peykov E2200; NBRM Paeonia 44 (same dies); SNG ANS 1032 var. (same obv. die, different symbol). Good VF, attractive old cabinet toning. \$2250

From the Friend of a Scholar Collection, purchased from Maison Platt, June 1987.



403391. BOEOTIA, Thebes. Circa 368-364 BC. AR Stater (22mm, 12.39 g). Kabi-, magistrate. Boeotian shield / Amphora; KA BI across field; all within shallow concave circle. Hepworth 61; BCD Boiotia 539; HGC 4, 1332; BMC 150; SNG Copenhagen 339. Good VF, toned. \$595

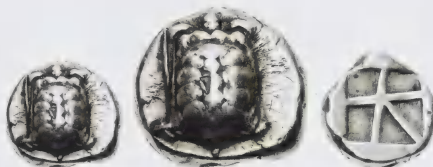
From the Friend of a Scholar Collection, purchased from Maison Platt, September 1980.



417558. ATTICA, Athens. Circa 454-404 BC. AR Tetradrachm (25mm, 17.26 g, 10h). Head of Athena right, wearing earring, necklace, and crested Attic helmet decorated with three olive leaves over visor and a spiral palmette on the bowl / Owl standing right, head facing; olive sprig and crescent behind. ΑΘΕ to right; all within incuse square. Kröll 8; SNG Copenhagen 31; SNG München 49; Dewing 1591-8; HGC 4, 1597. EF, lustrous. Exceptional metal quality. \$2750



417581. ATTICA, Athens. Circa 454-404 BC. AR Tetradrachm (25mm, 17.24 g, 10h). Head of Athena right, wearing earring, necklace, and crested Attic helmet decorated with three olive leaves over visor and a spiral palmette on the bowl / Owl standing right, head facing; olive sprig and crescent behind, AΘE to right; all within incuse square. Kroll 8; SNG Copenhagen 31; SNG München 49; Dewing 1591-8; HGC 4, 1597. EF. Struck on a broad flan. \$2750

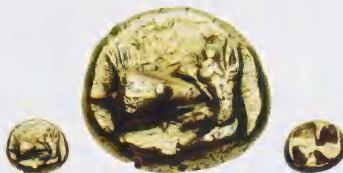


998268. ISLANDS off ATTICA, Aegina. Circa 456/45-431 BC. AR Stater (19mm, 12.40 g, 10h). Land tortoise with segmented shell / Square incuse with skew pattern. Meadows, *Aegina*, Group IIIb; Milbank Group V, pl. II, 12; HGC 6, 437; SNG Copenhagen 517; Dewing 1683; Gillet 948; Jameson 1200; Pozzi 1635. VF, graffiti in fields. \$975



411601. SIKYONIA, Sikyon. Circa 431-400 BC. AR Stater (23mm, 12.19 g, 9h). Chimaera advancing right; ΣE below / Dove flying right; bow above tail feathers; all within olive wreath. BCD Peloponnesos 193 var. (bow facing opposite direction) and 202.1 (ΣE above chimaera); Traité III 776, pl. CCXX, 15 = BMC 65 (same dies); HGC 5, 188 corr. (incorrect photo and citation). Good VF, attractively toned, old scratches under tone, minor die rust on obverse. \$2750

Ex Patrick H. James Collection; Classical Numismatic Group 76 (12 September 2007), lot 531; BCD Collection.



418057. MYSIA, Kyzikos. Circa 600-550 BC. EL Hekte – Sixth Stater (10mm, 2.72 g). Head of tunny right entering mouth of head of griffin left / Quadripartite incuse square. Hurter & Liewald I 28; Von Fritze I –; SNG France –; Boston MFA –; Gemini XII, lot 135; Naville IV, lot 694; Tkalec & Rauch 1987, lot 100; Triton XVI, lot 418 (all from same dies). Good VF. Well centered and struck. Extremely rare – the fifth, and finest, hekete of this issue known. \$2500



418058. MYZIA, Kyzikos. Circa 550-500 BC. EL Stater (20mm, 16.17 g). Head of Athena left, wearing Corinthian helmet; tunny behind / Quadripartite incuse square. Von Fritze I 63; SNG France –; Boston MFA 1432; Gulbenkian 608. Good VF. Well centered. Rare. \$9750



411603. IONIA, Ephesos. Circa 390-325 BC. AR Tetradrachm (22.5mm, 15.37 g, 11h). Pandion, magistrate. Class C, circa 380-370 BC. Bee / Forepart of stag right, head left; palm tree to left, ΠΑΝΔΙΩΝ to right. Pixodarus obv. die 18; SNG von Aulock –; SNG Copenhagen –; Waddington 1537; CNA XXVIII, lot 168. VF, toned, some porosity on reverse. Well struck. \$2750

Ex Patrick H. James Collection.



406849. LYCIAN LEAGUE. Circa 48-42 BC. AR Hemidrachm (17mm, 1.58 g, 12h). Kragos mint. Laureate head of Apollo right / Lyre; K P across fields; all within rectangular incuse. RPC I 3301; Troxell, *Lycian Period IV*, series 84; SNG Copenhagen 59-60. EF, minor deposits. \$365

406848. LYCIAN LEAGUE. Circa 27-20 BC. AR Hemidrachm (15mm, 1.89 g, 12h). Masikytes mint. Laureate head of Apollo right; [A Y flanking] / Lyre; M A across fields, tripod to lower right; all within rectangular incuse. RPC I 3310; Troxell, *Lycian Period IV*, series 110; SNG Copenhagen 90-1. EF, lightly toned, minor porosity on reverse. \$295



418059. DYNASTS of LYCIA. Vekhssere II. Circa 410/00-390/80 BC. AR Third Stater (17mm, 2.85 g, 10h). Zagaba mint. Lion scalp facing / Head of Athena facing slightly left, wearing triple-crested Attic helmet; ZAGABAH (in Lycian) to left; all within incuse circle. Falghera –; Reuter 128; Podalia 14 corr. (A2/P2; Zagaba not a dynast) = Boston MFA Supp. 220 = Hesss-Leu (2 April 1958), lot 226; SNG Copenhagen Supp. 469 var. (monogram to right). Good VF, die break at early stage on reverse. Exceptional style. \$2500

There has been long debate about whether Zagaba was a place or a person, but more recent research has conclusively shown that it is, in fact, a city, not a dynast (cf. A.G. Keen, *Dynastic Lycia: A Political History of the Lycians & Their Relations with Foreign Powers, c. 545-362 BC* [Leiden: Brill, 1998], pp. 54-5 and 109). The absence of a dynast's name here suggests that this issue might be a civic, rather than dynastic (cf. Keen, op cit., p. 54, and Reuter 128 note). Coins with similar types as this issue, however, are known in the name of Vekhessere II (cf. Falghera 186 and Podalia 1-7).



412649. KINGS of CAPPADOCIA. Ariarathes V Eusebes Philopator. Circa 163-130 BC. AR Drachm (18mm, 4.23 g, 12h). Mint A (Eusebeia-Mazaca). Dated RY 33 (131/30 BC). Diademed head right / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΡΙΑΡΑΘΟΥ ΕΥΣΕΒΟΥΣ, Athena Nikephoros standing left, holding spear and round shield set on ground; monogram to inner left and outer right; ΓΛ (date) in exergue. Simonetta 21 (Ariarathes IV); Simonetta, *Coins* 13a (Ariarathes IV); DCA 454; HGC 7, 811. EF, underlying luster. Well centered and struck. \$465

From the Elwood Rafn Collection.



411605. PHOENICIA, Arados. Circa 246/5-168/7 BC. AR Tetradrachm (30mm, 17.00 g, 1h). In the name and types of Alexander III. Dated CY 65 (195/4 BC). Head of Herakles right, wearing lion skin / Zeus Aëtrophoros seated left; palm tree in left field, AP monogram (civic monogram) below throne, ΕΞ (date) in exergue. Duyrat 1324 (D38/R140); Rouvier -, Price 3398; DCA 771. Near EF, toned, a little die wear on obverse. Very rare. \$595

Ex Gorny & Mosch 216 (15 October 2013), lot 2308.



402688. PTOLEMAIC KINGS of EGYPT. Ptolemy III Euergetes. 246-222 BC. Æ Tetrobol (38mm, 47.16 g, 12h). Alexandria mint. Series 4. Struck 246-230. Diademed head of Zeus-Ammon right / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΠΤΟΛΕΜΑΙΟΥ, eagle standing left on thunderbolt, head right, with filleted cornucopia over shoulder, EP monogram between legs. Svoronos 974 var. (E between legs); Weiser 92 (Ptolemy IV); SNG Copenhagen 227-9 (Ptolemy IV); Noeske 159-164 (Ptolemy IV). VF, red-brown patina. \$225

416571. PTOLEMAIC KINGS of EGYPT. Ptolemy III Euergetes. 246-222 BC. Æ Drachm (42mm, 73.23 g, 12h). Alexandria mint. Series 5. Struck 230-222 BC. Diademed head of Zeus-Ammon right / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΠΤΟΛΕΜΑΙΟΥ, eagle standing left on thunderbolt; filleted cornucopia in left field; XP monogram between legs. Svoronos 964; Weiser 71; SNG Copenhagen 171-2; Noeske 117-9. VF, attractive red-brown patina. \$595



413533. KINGS of MAURETANIA. Juba II. 25 BC-AD 24. AR Denarius (17mm, 2.60 g, 4h). Caesarea mint. REX IVBA, diademed head right / Filleted cornucopia; transverse scepter in background, small crescent to upper right. Mazard 241; MAA 95; SNG Copenhagen 579. Good VF, toned. \$465

CELTIC



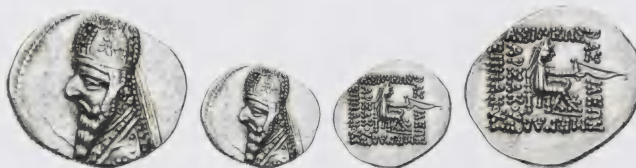
411606. GAUL, Northwest. Namnetes. 2nd-1st centuries BC. Base AV Stater (21.5mm, 7.24 g, 1h). Celticized head right, hair flowing behind; cross ornament at forehead, bar with hook ends below chin; pearl strings flowing around / Devolved charioteer driving biga right; below, devolved figure right, with arms outstretched. D&T 2189; Depeyrot, *NC* VIII, 173; cf. Flesche 194; Gruel & Morin 65. VF, toned, edge split, a couple tiny deposits. \$2500

Ex Auctiones 18 (21 September 1989), lot 890.



412599. GAUL, Northeast. Ambiani. Circa 100-50 BC. AV Stater (16mm, 6.15 g). Gallo-Belgic E. Gallic Wars issue. Plain bulge / Large disjointed horse right; ornaments around. D&T 238; Depeyrot, *NC* VI, 161; Scheers series 24, class II; de la Tour 8710; Van Arsdell 54-1; SCBC 11. VF. Well centered. \$850

ORIENTAL GREEK



411772. KINGS of PARTHIA. Mithradates II. 121-91 BC. AR Drachm (21mm, 4.17 g, 12h). Rhagai mint. Struck circa 96/5-93/2 BC. Bust left, wearing tiara decorated with three rows of pellets and seven-rayed star, torque ending in sea-horse / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΥ ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ/ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥ, Archer (Arsakes I) seated right, holding bow; final Σ in legend retrograde. Sellwood 28.7 var. (eight-rayed star); Sunrise 301; Shore 99 var. (same). EF, toned. \$245



968348. KINGS of PARTHIA. Vardanes II. Circa AD 55-58. BI Tetradrachm (28mm, 10.77 g, 1h). Seleukeia on the Tigris mint. Dated 369 SE (AD 57/8). Diademed bust left / [ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ]/ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩ[Ν] ΑΡΣΑΚ[ΟΥ] ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤ[ΟΥ] ΔΙΚΑΙΟ[Υ] ΕΠΙ+ΑΝ[ΟΥΣ]/[+ΙΛΕΑΛΗΝΟΣ] (all Σ are quadrate), Vardanes seated left, receiving wreath from Tyche standing right; ΘΣΤ (year) above, [month in exergue]. Cf. Sellwood 69.10-12; Sunrise 420; Shore 383. Good VF, toned. \$450

Ex Classical Numismatic Group 94 (18 September 2013), lot 820.

ROMAN PROVINCIAL



414299. CAPPADOCIA, Caesarea-Eusebia. Tiberius. AD 14-37. AR Drachm (19mm, 3.73 g, 11h). ΤΙΒΕΡΙΟΣ [ΚΑΙΣ] ΑΡ ΣΕΒΑΣΤΟΣ, laureate head right / ΘΕΟΥ ΣΕΒΑΣΤΟΥ ΥΙΟΣ, Mt. Argaeus surmounted by radiate nude male figure, holding globe and scepter. RPC 3620; Sydenham, *Caesarea*, 42; BMC 11. Good VF, toned. \$895



997439. EGYPT, Alexandria. Trajan. AD 98-117. Æ Drachm (35mm, 21.48 g, 12h). Dated RY 16 (AD 112/13). ΑΥΤ ΤΡΑΙΑΝ ΣΕΒ ΓΕΡΜ ΔΑΚ[ΙΚ], laureate heroic bust right, slight drapery on shoulder / [ΕΙ]ΗΝΗ ΚΑΙ up left, Ο ΜΟΝΟΙΑ down right, Eirene, holding grain ears, and Homonoia, holding cornucopia, standing vis-à-vis, clasping right hands; ΛΙC (date) between them. Köln 604; Dattari (Savio) 7016/7004 (obv./rev.); K&G 27.445; Emmett 450.16; Kellner p. 107, pl. 4, Abb. 11 (this coin). VF, brown and green surfaces, natural flan flaw. \$575

Ex Nügeli Collection; Frank Sternberg AG Inventory, Zurich, 1973.



418061. EGYPT, Alexandria. Balbinus. AD 238. BI Tetradrachm (23mm, 13.12 g, 12h). Dated RY 1 (AD 238). A K ΔCK KAIA BAABINOC CCB (*sic*), laureate, draped, and cuirassed bust right / Nike advancing left, holding wreath and palm fronds; LA (date) to left. Köln –; Dattari (Savio) 4686 var. (obv. legend); K&G 70.9 var. (same); Emmett 3375. EF. High grade billon with good silver content. Choice for issue. \$1950

ROMAN REPUBLICAN



411607. Ti. Claudius Tif. Ap.n. Nero. 79 BC. AR Serrate Denarius (19mm, 4.13 g, 8h). Rome mint. Diademed and draped bust of Diana right; bow and quiver over shoulder / Victory driving galloping biga right, holding wreath, reins, and palm frond; A•LXXXVIII below. Crawford 383/1; Sydenham 770a; Claudia 6; RBW 1411. EF, deeply toned, traces of underlying luster. \$575

Ex LJH Collection; CNG Inventory 735603 (August 2003); Numismatica Ars Classica N (26 June 2003), lot 1540; Eton College Collection (Sotherby's, 1 December 1976), lot 195.

The Gallic Chieftain Vercingetorix



413534. Moneyer issues of Imperial Rome. L. Hostilius Saserna. 48 BC. AR Denarius (20mm, 3.76 g, 3h). Rome mint. Head of Gallic captive (Vercingetorix?) right, wearing hair flowing back and long, pointed beard, and a chain around his neck; Gallic shield to left / Two warriors in galloping biga right: one driving, holding whip in right hand and reins in left, and the other, facing backward, holding shield in left hand and brandishing spear in right; L • HOSTILIUS above, SASERN below. Crawford 448/2a; CRI 18; Sydenham 952; Hostilia 2; RBW 1569. VF, darkly toned, areas of weak strike at periphery, small scratch under tone on neck of portrait. \$2250

Ex Seaby Coin & Medal Bulletin 710 (October 1977), no. C791.

The obverse portrait has sometimes been identified as the famous chief of the Arverni, Vercingetorix, whom Julius Caesar captured in 52 BC in Alesia. It is difficult to imagine anyone placing such a dramatic portrait of a defeated foe on their coinage, but it is clear from surviving sources of the period that the Romans had a good deal of respect for the Gauls as honorable warriors. Crawford and Sear believe this identification is unlikely, but the large, distinctive, and carefully engraved head suggests the die cutter worked with an eye toward creating an individualized portrait, rather than a stylized personification of a Gaul. The reverse is also of particular historical interest, in that it depicts the manner in which chariots were used in Celtic Gaul, and perhaps in Britain as well.



411608. Moneyer issues of Imperial Rome. *Petillius Capitolinus*. 41 BC. AR Denarius (19mm, 3.83 g, 9h). Rome mint. Eagle, with wings spread, standing facing, head right, on thunderbolt; PETILLIVS above, CAPITOLINVS below / Temple of Jupiter Capitolinus: richly decorated hexastyle temple with three garlands hanging between columns; the pediment ornamented with armed figures; in the tympanum is a seated figure of Jupiter between two other figures; S C flanking. Crawford 487/2a; CRI 174; Sydenham 1150; Petillia 2; RBW 1704. Good VF, dark find patina, light scratch under tone on reverse. \$575

Ex LJH Collection; Gemini X (13 January 2013), lot 294.

413736. The Pompeians. *Q. Caecilius Metellus Pius Scipio*. 47- Spring 46 BC. AR Denarius (18mm, 4.17 g, 4h). Military mint traveling with Scipio in Africa. Laureate head of Jupiter right; Q • METEL around right, PIVS below / Elephant advancing right; SCIPIO above, IMP below. Crawford 459/1; CRI 45; Sydenham 1046; Kestner 3580-3581; BMCRR Africa 1; Caecilia 47; RBW 1601. EF, traces of underlying luster, reverse struck with slightly worn die. \$795

Ex Goldman Collection (Triton XVI, 8 January 2013), lot 863.



418063. The Caesarians. *Julius Caesar*. April-August 49 BC. AR Denarius (18mm, 3.82 g, 4h). Military mint traveling with Caesar. Elephant advancing right, trampling on horned serpent; CAESAR in exergue / Emblems of the pontificate: simpulum, aspergillum, securis, and apex. Crawford 443/1; CRI 9; Sydenham 1006; RSC 49; RBW 1557. EF, minor deposits in devices, hint of field marks. \$2250



413733. The Triumvirs. *Mark Antony and Octavian*. Spring-early summer 41 BC. AR Denarius (20mm, 3.77 g, 12h). Ephesus mint; M. Barbatius Pollio, *quaestor pro praetore*. Bare head of Mark Antony right; M • ANT • I(MP) • (AV)G • III • VIR • R • P • C • M BARBAT • Q • P around / Bare head of Octavian right, wearing slight beard; CAESAR • IMP • PONT • III • VIR • R • P • C • around. Crawford 517/2; CRI 243; Sydenham 1181; RSC 8a; RBW 1798. Superb EF, attractive iridescent toning. \$5950

ROMAN IMPERIAL



411610. Augustus. 27 BC-AD 14. Æ Sestertius (35mm, 22.63 g, 5h). Rome mint; C. Plotius Rufus, *triumvir monetalis*. Struck 15 BC. OB above wreath, CIVIS within wreath, SERVATOS below wreath, wreath between two laurel branches / Legend around large S • C. RIC I 387; Martini, *Augustus* 375-7. VF, tan and brown surfaces, some deposits, hairline flan crack, adjustment marks. \$875

Ex Jonathan K. Kern Collection.



418065. Tiberius. AD 14-37. AR Denarius (19mm, 3.83 g, 6h). "Tribute Penny" type. Lugdunum (Lyon) mint. Group 5, AD 36-37. TI CAESAR DIVI AVG F AVGVSTVS, laureate head right; parallel ribbons / PONTIF MAXIM, Livia (as Pax) seated right, holding vertical scepter in right hand and olive branch in left, feet on footstool; ornate chair legs, single line below. RIC I 30; Lyon 152; RSC 16a; BMCRE 48-57; BN 32. EF, gray and iridescent tone. \$2250

Bold Flavian Aureus



418066. Titus. As Caesar, AD 69-79. AV Aureus (21mm, 7.35 g, 6h). Rome mint. Struck AD 72-73. T CAES IMP VESP PON TR POT, laureate head right / NEP RED, Neptune standing left with foot on globe, holding aplustre and scepter. RIC II 365; Calicó 743; BMCRE —; BN 65-7 (Vespasian); Biaggi —. Near EF, traces of underlying luster. Bold Flavian portrait coin. \$19,750



411612. Trajan. AD 98-117. AV Aureus (19mm, 7.10 g, 6h). Rome mint. Struck 107-108. IMP TRAIANO AVG GER DAC P M TR P, laureate, draped, and cuirassed bust right / COS V P P S P Q R OPTIMO PRINC, Hercules standing left, holding cup over lighted and garlanded altar to left, and holding club and lion skin. Cf. RIC II 112; Woytek 263f; Strack 135β; Calicó 999 = Biaggi 470; BMCRE 263 var. (not cuirassed); BN 250 var. (bust type). VF. \$4750



413535. Divus Trajan. Died AD 117. AR Antoninianus (22mm, 3.05 g, 12h). Rome mint, 1st officina. 8th emission of Trajan Decius, mid AD 251. DIVO TRAIANO, radiate bust right, slight drapery on shoulder / CONSECRATIO, eagle standing right on ground line, head and tail left, with wings displayed. RIC IV 85 (Decius); RSC 666 (Trajan). Near EF, darkly toned. \$365

Ex Seaby Coin & Medal Bulletin 747 (November 1980), no. C831a.



411617. Didia Clara. Augusta, AD 193. AR Denarius (18mm, 2.68 g, 12h). Rome mint. Struck under Didius Julianus. DIDIA CLARA • AVG, draped bust right / HILAR TEMPOR, Hilaritas standing left, holding long palm frond set on ground and cornucopia. RIC IV 10 (Didius Julianus); RSC 3. EF, toned, hairline flan crack. Rare. \$3500

Ex Gorny & Mosch 215 (13 October 2013), lot 230; Künker 136 (10 March 2008), lot 1076.



412768. Constantius II. AD 337-361. AV Solidus (23mm, 4.50 g, 6h). *Vicennalia* issue. Antioch mint, 3rd officina. Struck AD 347-355. FL IVL CONSTANTIUS PERP AVG, pearl-diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust right / GLORIA REI PVBLICAE, Roma seated facing and Constantinopolis seated half-left, foot on prow, each holding scepter, supporting shield between them inscribed VOT/XX/MVLT/XXX in four lines; SMANT. RIC VIII 83; Depeyrot 6/3. EF, underlying luster, hairline die break on obverse. \$2950



416040. Flavius Victor. AD 387-388. AR Siliqua (17mm, 1.42 g, 6h). Treveri (Trier) mint. D N FL VIC TOR P F AVG, pearl-diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust right / VIRTUS RO MANORVM, Roma seated facing, head left, holding globe in right hand and reversed spear in left; TPRS. RIC IX 84d.2; RSC 6Ab. Near EF, darkly toned, some die wear. \$975

BYZANTINE



990968. Romanus III Argyrus. 1028-1034. AV Histamenon Nomisma (24mm, 4.37 g, 6h). Constantinople mint. + IHS XIS RCX RCSNANTIHM, Christ Pantokrator enthroned facing / ΘCΕ bOΘΘ' ΡΟΜΑΝΩ, Romanus, holding globus cruciger, standing facing, being crowned and blessed by the Theotokos (Virgin Mary); MΘ above. DOC 1c; SB 1819. Near EF.

\$750

Ex Andre Constantine Dimitriadis Collection.

EARLY MEDIEVAL



416038. MEROVINGIANS. Quentovic(?). Circa 700-725. AR Denier (13mm, 1.13 g, 7h). Diademed bust right; NA before, cross behind / Cross ancrée within volute; pellets around. NM 9 (Indeterminées - croix ancrée); cf. Belfort 5727-30; Prou 2890-3; MEC 1, -. Superb EF, lightly toned.

\$1650

Ex Elsen 122 (13 September 2014), lot 437.



411627. CAROLINGIANS. Odo (Eudes). King of West Francia, 887-898. AR Denier (22mm, 1.74 g, 12h). Limovicas (Limoges) mint. + GRATIA D-I RE, +/ODO/+ in three lines; quadrate Os / + LIMOVICAS CIVIS, cross pattée; quadrate O in legend. Depeyrot 511; M&G 1332; MEC 1, 973. Near EF, lightly toned.

\$365

Ex Michael Joffre Collection; Classical Numismatic Group XXII (2 September 1992), lot 855.

WORLD

Siege of Lille



416540. FRANCE, Royal. temp. Louis XIV le Roi Soleil (the Sun King). 1643–1715. Lot of three (3) Æ of the Siege of Lille. Authorized by Marshal Boufflers. Dated 1708. (a) Æ 5 Sols (21mm, 2.09 g, 6h). Crowned coat-of-arms over crossed scepters / [· V] · S · / PRO DEFENSIONE/ VRBIS · ET · PATRIÆ/ 1708 in six lines. Maillet pl. LXXIII, 3; KM 5 // (b) Æ 10 Sols (25mm, 3.68 g, 6h). Crowned coat-of-arms over crossed scepters / · X · S · / PRO DEFENSIONE/ VRBIS · ET · PATRIÆ/ 1708 in six lines. Maillet pl. LXXIII, 2; KM 6 // (c) Æ 20 Sols (30mm, 7.45 g, 6h). Crowned and mantled coat-of-arms within collar, over crossed scepters; flags behind / [· V] · S · PRO DEFENSIONE/ VRBIS · ET · PATRIÆ/ 1708 in six lines. Maillet pl. LXXIII, 1; KM 7. VF to Good VF. An attractive matched set. With ticket in the hand of Albert Baldwin. \$465

During the War of the Spanish Succession, Grand Alliance forces of the English, Dutch, and Austrians laid siege to the city of Lille for nearly three months. Over the course of the siege, the French commander, Marshall Boufflers, managed to exact over sixteen thousand casualties on his enemy. The battle was also the site of the famous *affaire des poudres*, in which the Chevalier de Luxembourg broke through the Alliance lines to deliver forty-thousand tons of much needed gunpowder to the beleaguered French defenders.

Siege of Strasbourg



416541. FRANCE. Lot of two (2) Æ 10 Décimes of the Siege of Strasbourg. Strasbourg mint. Dated 1814 BB. Includes: (a) Premier Empire. Napoléon I. 1804-1814. (32mm, 25.74 g, 6h). Crowned N within wreath / UN/ DÉCIME./ 1814./ BB in four lines within wreath. VG195c; KM 700. // (b) Royal (Restored). Louis XVIII. 1814-1824. (32mm, 21.57 g, 6h). Crowned L; three lis around; all within wreath / UN/ DÉCIME./ 1814./ BB in four lines within wreath. VG196a; KM 701. VF. Two (2) coins in lot. \$365



412772. GERMANY, Münster (Bistum). Chapter of St. Paul's Cathedral. 17th century. Æ 3 Schilling Token (34mm, 4.50 g, 12h). Dated 1633, with countermark dated 1639. (crowned winged heart) SAVLE · SAVLE · QVID · ME · PERSEQVE, armored knight on richly caparisoned horse left / · 1 · 6 · 3 · 3 · S · 1 · 1 · 1 · in two lines within ornate border; c/m's: bust of St. Paul 1 6 3 9 above, in circular cartouche, and GDVV over coat-of-arms. Cf. Künker 249, lot 1814. Good VF, brown surfaces. Rare with two countermarks. \$365



411628. ITALY, Sardegnia (Regno). Pietro IV di Aragona. 1336-1387. AR Reale o Grosso Alfonsino (24mm, 3.11 g, 4h). Villa di Chiesa (Iglesias) mint. + PETRUS ARAGONUM ET SARDINIE REX, coat-of-arms; five rosettes around; all within tressure of eight arches; pellet at juncture of each arch; annulets in spandrels / + FORTITUDO ET LAUS MEA DOMINUS, cross pattée; rosettes in quarters; all within tressure of eight arches; pellet at juncture of each arch; annulets in spandrels. CNI II 2; MIR 115; MEC 14, 832. Near EF, toned. \$695

Ex Michael Joffre Collection; Classical Numismatic Group 75 (23 May 2007), lot 1314; Classical Numismatic Auctions VIII (27 September 1989), lot 696.



411629. ITALY, Toscana (Granducato). Cosimo III de' Medici. 1670-1723. AR Tollero (42mm, 27.27 g, 6h). Livorno (Leghorn) mint. Dated 1704. COSMVS · D · G · MAG · DVX · ETRVRIAE · VI, crowned and armored bust right; (quatrefoil) 1704 (quatrefoil) below / (quatrefoil) ET FAVET (quatrefoil) ET PATET, view of the harbor of Livorno. CNI XI 75; MIR 64/19; Montagano 64/19; Davenport 1498. EF, toned, underlying luster. \$3950

Ex Classical Numismatic Group Inventory 862761 (January 2010); Numismatica Ars Classica 53 (7 November 2009), lot 76.

BRITISH



412596. ANGLO-SAXON, Kings of Mercia. Offa. 757-796. AR Penny (16mm, 1.22 g, 6h). Light coinage. Lundene (London) mint; Winoth, moneyer. Struck circa 785-792/3. OFFA/REX divided by beaded bar with fleurs at ends / U/IN/0/0 in the angles of a lozenge cross fleury with single pairs of fleurs; in center, saltire cross with pellets in angles. Chick Type 75; SCBI –; BMC –; cf. North 288; SCBC 904. VF, toned, find patina. Rare. \$3650

Ex Drabble and Parsons



413537. ANGLO-SAXON, Kings of Wessex. *Ecgbreht*. 802-839. AR Penny (20mm, 1.42 g, 6h). DOROB C phase, Caentwarabyrig (Canterbury) mint; Tidbeorht, moneyer. Struck circa 828-839. + ECGBEA RHT RE, diademed and draped bust right / + TIDBEARHT, DOROB C monogram. Naismith Type C88, i (this coin); SCBI 20 (Mack), 699; BMC 378-82; North 573; SCBC 1035. Good VF, toned. Excellent metal. \$8750

Ex H. Alexander Parsons Collection (Glendining, 11 May 1954), lot 123; Gilbert C. Drabble Collection (Glendining's, Part I, 4 July 1939), lot 365.



410895. ANGLO-SAXON, Kings of Wessex. *Edward the Elder*. 899-924. AR Penny (21mm, 1.63 g, 3h). Circumscription cross/Horizontal-Pellet (HP1) type (BMC ii). Wessex dies (prob. Winchester); Rægenulf, moneyer. Middle period II, circa 910-915. + EADVVEARD REX, small cross pattée / RÆGEN/VLF M-O in two lines; three cross pattée between, pellet above and below. CTCE 248iii; SCBI 6 (Edinburgh), 100 var. (Middle period I); BMC -, North 649; SCBC 1087. EF, lightly toned, minor surface flaw at bottom of reverse. Neat style. \$2250

410926. ANGLO-SAXON, Kings of Wessex. *Æthelstan*. 924-939. AR Penny (22mm, 1.57 g, 9h). Small cross/Horizontal-Trefoil 1 (HT 1) type (BMC i). North East 1 mint; Manna, moneyer. ÆDELSTAN REX, small cross pattée / MAII/IA MO in two lines; three crosses pattée between, trefoil above and below. Blunt, *Aethelstan* 395; SCBI 34 (BM), 224; North 668/1b; SCBC 1089. Near EF, some light scratches. \$1000

410935. ANGLO-SAXON, Kings of Wessex. *Eadmund*. 939-946. AR Penny (22mm, 1.12 g, 11h). Horizontal-Trefoil 1 (HT 1) type (BMC i). Uncertain mint; Eoforwulf, moneyer. + EADMVND R, small cross pattée / EFER/VLF MO in two lines; three crosses pattée between, trefoil above and below. CTCE 42; SCBI 34 (BM), 304; North 688; SCBC 1105. EF. \$1750



415422. ANGLO-SAXON, Kings of All England. *Æthelred II*. 978-1016. AR Penny (19.5mm, 1.74 g, 4h). Long Cross type (BMC i va, Hild. D). Hamtune (Northampton) mint; Æthelnoth, moneyer. Struck circa 997-1003. + ÆDEL RÆD REX Λ(NG)L(ORX), draped bust left; pellet behind neck / + ÆDELNOD M•O HAM, voided long cross, with pellet at center and triple-crescent ends. SCBI 7 (Copenhagen), 393-4; Hild. 1239; BMC 111 var. (legends); North 774; SCBC 1151. Good VF, toned, some light deposits. \$725



415418. ANGLO-SAXON, Kings of All England. Æthelred II. 978-1016. AR Penny (20mm, 1.72 g, 12h). Long Cross type (BMC iva, Hild. D). Læwes (Lewes) mint; Godfrid, moneyer. Struck circa 997-1003. + ÆDEL RÆD REX Λ(NG) L(ORX), draped bust left; pellet behind neck / + GODEFRID M•Ω•O LÆP, voided long cross, with pellet at center and triple-crescent ends. SCBI 7 (Copenhagen), 452 (same rev. die); Hild. 1411; BMC –; North 774; SCBC 1151. VF, toned, a few light marks. \$650



415388. ANGLO-SAXON, Kings of All England. Æthelred II. 978-1016. AR Penny (20mm, 1.51 g, 12h). Long Cross type (BMC iva, Hild. D). Lydanford (Lydford) mint; Ælfstan, moneyer. Struck circa 997-1003. + ÆDEL RÆD REX Λ(NG) L(ORX), draped bust left; pellet behind neck / + ÆLFSTAN M•Ω•O LYDΛ, voided long cross, with pellet at center and triple-crescent ends. SCBI 7 (Copenhagen), 976 var. (rev. legend; same obv. die); Hild. 3025; BMC –; North 774; SCBC 1151. Near EF, toned, slight wave, traces of luster. Rare mint. \$795



415429. ANGLO-SAXON, Kings of All England. Æthelred II. 978-1016. AR Penny (19mm, 1.70 g, 7h). Long Cross type (BMC iva, Hild. D). Rofeceaster (Rochester) mint; Eadsige, moneyer. Struck circa 997-1003. + ÆDEL RÆD REX Λ(NG) L(ORX), draped bust left; pellet behind neck / + EDSIGE MΩO ROFEC, voided long cross, with pellet at center and triple-crescent ends. SCBI 7 (Copenhagen), 1062; Hild. 3285; BMC 305 var. (legends); North 774; SCBC 1151. Good VF, lightly toned. \$695



413538. ANGLO-SAXON, Kings of All England. Cnut. 1016-1035. AR Penny (17.5mm, 1.14 g, 6h). Short Cross type (BMC xvi, Hild. H). Lundene (London) mint; Sveinn, moneyer. Struck circa 1029-1035/6. + CNVT REC., diademed bust left; trefoil-tipped scepter before / + SPAN ON LVND, voided cross, with pellet-in-annulet at center. SCBI 14 (Copenhagen), 2917; Hild 2705; cf. BMC 456-8; North 790; SCBC 1159. Near EF, deep cabinet tone. \$695

Harold Harefoot – Maldon Mint



413238. ANGLO-SAXON, Kings of All England. Harold I Harefoot. 1016-1035. AR Penny (17mm, 1.09 g, 6h). Jewel Cross type (BMC i, Hild. A). Mældune (Maldon) mint; Leofthehn, moneyer. Struck 1036-1038. + HAROLD RECX A, diademed bust left / + LEOFDEGGN ON MEL (trefoil), cross composed of four ovals united at base by two concentric circles enclosing a pellet. SCBI 40 (Stockholm), 480 var. = Hild. 765 var. (obv. legend; same rev. die); BMC –; North 802; SCBC 1163. Near EF, toned, slight crimp. Very rare. \$3750



413532. ANGLO-SAXON, Kings of All England. Harold I Harefoot. 1016-1035. AR Penny (18mm, 1.16 g, 12h). Fleur-de-Lis type (BMC v, Hild. B). Lundene (London) mint; Goldsige, moneyer. Struck 1038-1040. + HAR•O: LD REC•, diademed bust left; shield and scepter before / + GOLTSIG ON LVN, voided long cross; pellet in circle in center, fleur-de-lis (flanked by pellets) in angles. SCBI 40 (Stockholm), 1141 (same dies); Hild 647 (same rev. die); BMC 73 var. (legends); North 803; SCBC 1165. Good VF, toned, minor lamination on obverse. \$1950

Very Rare London Mint Harthacnut



410034. ANGLO-SAXON, Kings of All England. Harthacnut. 1035-1042. AR Penny (19mm, 1.13 g, 6h). Arm and Scepter type (BMC ii, Hild. B). Lundene (London) mint; Goldsige, moneyer. Struck 1040-1042. + HAR: DCNV•, diademed bust left, holding scepter / + GOLDSIGE ON LV(ND)•, quadrilateral, with pellet in center and angles, over voided short cross. Very rare. SCBI 40 (Stockholm), 1665 = Hild. 120 (same dies); BMC –; North 811; SCBC 1168. Near EF, toned, a few pecks. Very rare. \$9250



413531. ANGLO-SAXON, Kings of All England. Edward the Confessor. 1042-1066. AR Penny (18mm, 1.10 g, 9h). Pax type (BMC iv, Hild. D). Lundene (London) mint; Godwine, moneyer. Struck 1042-1044. + EDPAR • D REX •, diademed bust left; quatrefoil-tipped scepter before / + GODPI(NE) O(N L)V, voided long cross with crescent at ends and pellet at center; P A C X in quarters. Pagan, *Pax* 261 (dies C/c) = SCBC 54 (Stockholm), 176 = Hild 505 (same dies); Freeman 491; BMC –; North 813; SCBC 1171. Near EF, deeply toned. The D in the reverse legend has been engraved over another letter that was presumably erroneous. \$1750

Ex Doubleday



415994. ANGLO-SAXON, Kings of All England. Edward the Confessor. 1042-1066. AR Penny (18mm, 1.09 g, 6h). Trefoil Quadrilateral type (BMC iii; Hild. C). Colceaster (Colchester) mint; Stanmær, moneyer. Struck 1046-1048. + EDPE: ·RD REX ·, diademed and draped bust left; trefoil-tipped scepter before / + STAMÆR ON COL·A·, voided long cross with crescent at ends and pellet at center; P A C X in quarters. Freeman 73; SCBI –; Hild –; BMC –; North 817; SCBC 1174. Near EF, attractively toned. A very rare type for this mint, especially for this moneyer. \$1500

Ex G. V. Doubleday collection (Glendinings, 6 Oct. 1987) lot 101.



414291. NORMAN, William I 'the Conqueror'. 1066-1087. AR Penny (19.5mm, 1.26 g, 8h). Profile left type (BMC I). Rumenea (Romney) mint; Wulfmaer, moneyer. Struck 1066-1068. + ILLEMV REX I, crowned and draped bust left; trefoil-tipped scepter before / + PVLFMÆR ON RV, cross fleury; pellet in center. SCBI 53 (Scottish), 13–5 (same obv. die); BMC 39 (same obv. die); North 839; SCBC 1250. Near EF, deeply toned. Excellent metal. \$3250



411020. NORMAN, William I 'the Conqueror'. 1066-1087. AR Penny (19mm, 1.37 g, 9h). Paxis type (BMC viii). Wiltone (Wilton) mint; Sæwine, moneyer. Struck circa 1083-1086. + PILLEL(M R)EX, crowned facing bust, holding lis-tipped scepter in left hand; trefoil on right shoulder / + SEPINE ON PILTV, cross pattée; letters of P A X S in annulets within quarters. SCBI 53 (Scottish), 164 var. (MR not ligate); BMC 1062; North 848; SCBC 1257. Near EF, attractively toned. \$2250

Ex H. E. Manville Collection; Seaby Coin & Medal Bulletin 413 (October 1952), no. 9613.



412762. NORMAN. William II Rufus. 1087-1100. AR Penny (20mm, 1.50 g, 12h). Cross in Quatrefoil type (BMC ii). Lundene (London) mint; Godwine, moneyer. Struck circa 1089-1092. + PILLELM RE, crowned facing bust, holding scepter / + GODPINE ON L(VN), short cross potent, with pellet in each quarter; all within quatrefoil. Cf. SCBI 11b (Stockholm), 203; BMC –; North 852; SCBC 1259. Good VF, attractively toned. Strong portrait and great metal for issue. Rare. \$5750

Ex CNG Inventory 942561 (February 2013); Heritage (6 January 2013), lot 20758.



416527. PLANTAGENET. Edward I. 1272-1307. AR Penny (20mm, 1.35 g, 10h). New coinage, class 9a2. London (Tower) mint. Struck circa 1299-1300/1. + EDWR ANGL DNS hYB, crowned and draped facing bust; star on breast / CIVI TAS LON DON, long cross; three pellets in each quarter. SCBI 39 (North), 351; North 1036/2; SCBC 1407. Good VF, dark and iridescent toning. \$250



410385. PLANTAGENET. Edward III. 1327-1377. AV Noble (34mm, 7.60 g, 1h). Treaty period, group b. Tower (London) mint; im: annulet/cross potent. Struck 1361-1369. (annulet) ED WARD' : DEI : GRA : REX : ANGL' : DNS : hYB · Z · AQ T' (saltire and double saltire stops throughout; Z retrograde), Edward standing facing in ship, holding sword and shield; ornaments -11-11, ropes 3/2, quatrefoils 4/4, lis 4 / + Ih'C : AVTEM : TRANSIENS : PER : MEDIV : ILLORVM : IBAT, voided short cross potent over cross fleurée; in each angle, crown over lion passant; at center, E within quadrilobe; all within polylobe, with trefoil in each arch. Lawrence 3; Schneider 87 (same dies); North 1232; SCBC 1503. EF. Attractive obverse die. \$11,000

Ex Morton & Eden 64 (5 June 2013), lot 363.



413737. LANCASTER. Henry V. 1413-1422. AR Groat (26mm, 3.75 g, 9h). Class C, type 2. London (Tower) mint; im: cross pattée. hENRIC' · DI' · GRA' · REX · ANGLIE · Z · FRANC (saltire and double saltire stops; Z retrograde), crowned facing bust; mullet on left breast; all within tressure of arches with lis at cusps / POSVI · DEVM · A · DIVTOR E' · MEVM CIVI TAS · LON DON, long cross pattée, with trefoil in each angle. Potter class VIIa; North 1387b; SCBC 1765. Near VF. Struck on a broad flan. \$695



414286. LANCASTER. Henry VI. First reign, 1422-1461. AV Noble (34mm, 6.96 g, 4h). Annulet issue. Tower (London) mint; im: lis. Struck 1422-1427. hENRIC' (lis) DI' · GRA' · REX · ANGL' · Z · FRANC' · Dn'S · hYB' (trefoil stops), Henry standing facing in ship, holding sword and shield; annulet to left; ornaments: 1-1-1 / (lis) Ih'C (rosette) AVT' · TRANSIENS · PER · MEDIVM · ILLORV' · IBAT (annulet stops), cross fleury over voided short cross potent; at center, h within quatrefoil; in each angle, crown above lion passant; all within double polylobe, with annulet in one spandrel and trefoil in each other spandrel. Whitton, *Heavy* 4e var. (shape of n on reverse); Schneider 278 (same dies); North 1414; SCBC 1799. EF, toned, minor die breaks. \$8750



411630. YORK (Restored). Richard III. 1483-1485. AR Groat (25mm, 3.16 g, 10h). Type 2b. London (Tower) mint; im: boar's head 2, (boar's head) RICARD' · DI' · GRA' · REX ANGL' · Z FRANC (saltire stops), crowned facing bust within tressure of arches / (boar's head) POSVI DEVM · A · DIVTOR E' · MEVM · CIVI TAS LON DON (saltire and double saltire stops), long cross; trefoil in quarters. Winstanley 8; Stewartby p. 434, IIB; North 1679; SCBC 2156. VF, toned, area of flat strike. \$3250



412598. TUDOR. Henry VII. 1485-1509. AV Angel (27.5mm, 5.08 g, 2h). Class III. Tower (London) mint; im: inverted anchor/anchor. Struck 1499-1502. HENRIC· DI· GRA· REX· AGLIE· Z· FRAN· (saltire stops), Archangel Michael slaying dragon to lower right / PER· CRVCE· TVA· SALVA· NOS· XPE· RED·, ship bearing shield and cross, with h and rose flanking cross. SCBI 23 (Ashmolean) 31 var. (legend); Schneider 528 var. (orientation of obv. im); North 1696; SCBC 2183. VF. Well struck. \$4250



411645. TUDOR. Edward VI. 1547-1553. Base AR Shilling (30mm, 5.07 g, 8h). Second period. Canterbury mint; im: t. Dated 1549 (in Roman numerals). t· EDWARD· VI· D· G· AGL· Z· HIB· REX·, crowned and mantled bust right / t· TIMOR· DOMINI· FONS· VITE· M· D· XLIX·, coat-of-arms within ornate frame; E R flanking. Potter, *Coinage* type 2a; North 1921; SCBC 2468. VF, toned, deposits on reverse. Well struck for issue. \$1050



413735. TUDOR. Philip & Mary. 1554-1558. AR Sixpence (27mm, 2.90 g, 12h). Tower (London) mint; im: lis. Dated 1557. PHILIP· Z· MARIA· D· G· REX· Z· REGINA· AN·, confronted busts of Philip, armored, and Mary, veiled; above, crown between 15 57 / POSVIMVS· DEVM· ADIVTOREM· NOS·, garnished coat-of-arms; above, crown between V I (denomination). North 1971; SCBC 2506. VF, toned. Struck on a broad flan. \$2750

Ex Classical Numismatic Group Inventory 911192 (November 2011); Alfred Boles Collection; Patrick Finn FPL 19 (May 2001), no. 225 (for £1250).



417521. STUART. James I. 1603-1625. AR Weight for a Thistle Crown (15mm, 2.01 g, 12h). By N. Briot. Struck after 1632. Thistle; \diamond I \diamond \diamond R \diamond flanking; ·B· below / Crown over III \diamond S \diamond / 4 · D · $\frac{1}{2}$ ·; ·B· to left. Cf. Withers, *Coin-Weights* 874 (same dies in earlier state; struck in brass). Choice EF, toned. Rare in silver. \$1350



415947. STUART. Charles I. 1625-1649. Cast Pattern AR Unite (29.5mm, 4.91 g, 1h). Tower (London) mint; im: lis. Dies by A. Vanderdort. Cast circa 1625. (lis) · CAROLVS · D : G : MAG : BRIT : FR : ET · HI · REX ·, armored bust left, wearing ruff / · FLORENT · CONCORDIA · REGNA · (lis) ·, crowned and garnished coat-of-arms; crowned C R flanking. D. Allen, "Abraham Vanderdort and the Coinage of Charles I," in *NC* 1941, p. 71, vi; Brooker 1240 (this coin); MI 374/269; North 2655; SCBC -. Good VF, lightly chased as usual. \$2250

Ex Martin Hughes Collection (Spink 139, 16 November 1999), lot 151; Glendining's (20 March 1991), lot 352; Herman Selig Collection (Spink 70, 31 May 1989), lot 209; John G. Brooker Collection, no. 1240.



416988. STUART. Charles I. 1625-1649. AR Crown (43mm, 30.14 g, 4h). Declaration type, Oxford mint. Dated 1642. · CAROLVS · D : G : MAG : BRIT · FRAN · ET · HIBER · REX, Charles on horseback left, holding reins with left hand and sword in right; plume to right / : EXVRGAT : DEVS : DISSIPENTVR : INIMICI, RELIG : PROT : LEG//ANGL : LIBER : PAR in two lines across central field, line above and below; above, three plumes with bands over · V ·, 1642 below. Brooker 869; North 2405; SCBC 2946. Near EF, toned, minor die break on reverse. Struck on a full round flan. Rare. \$14,500

Superb Hartlebury Castle Halfcrown



413565. STUART. Charles I. 1625-1649. AR Halfcrown (37mm, 14.81 g, 12h). Hartlebury Castle, Worcester mint; im: pear/three pears. Struck 1646. (pear) CAROLVS · D · G · MAG · BRIT · FR[AN] · ET · HIB · REX, Charles on horseback left, holding reins with left hand and sword in right / (three pears) CHRISTO · AV[SPICE] · REIGNO, garnished coat-of-arms; [H C in lower garnish]. Bull 679 (same dies); Brooker 1137 (same dies); North 2626; SCBC 3129. EF. Struck on usual irregular flan. Very rare. \$22,500

Ex Colin Adams Collection (Spink 177, 1 December 2005), lot 241; Frederick Willis Collection (Glendining's, 5 June 1991), lot 271; V. J. E. Ryan Collection (Part II, Glendining's, 22 January 1952), lot 1332; A. A. Banes Collection (Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hodge, 30 October 1922), lot 194; Simpson Rostron Collection (Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hodge, 16 May 1892), lot 60.

Hartlebury Castle, the residence of the Bishop of Worcester, was fortified and held by Royalist supporters during the English Civil War. Though prepared for a lengthy siege, the castle surrendered without a single shot fired after being besieged by Colonel Thomas Morgan for only two days. Morgan ordered fortifications to be slighted. The residence was later sold to a private citizen by the Parliamentary Commissioners.

Enigmatic Welsh Marches Mint Halfcrown



413243. STUART. Charles I. 1625-1649. AR Halfcrown (39mm, 14.58 g, 6h). Declaration type. Uncertain mint in the Welsh Marches(?); im: plume. Dated 1644. (plume) CAROLVS [: D : G :] MAG : BRI : FR : ET : HIB : REX, Charles on horseback left, holding reins and sword / EXVR[GA]T : DEVS [: DISSIPEN]TVR : INIMICI :, RELIG : PROT : LEG-/ANGL : LIBER : PAR in two lines across central field, line above and below; three plumes with bands above, 1644 below. Bull 684 (same dies); Brooker 1212 (same dies); North -, SCBC 3135. VF, toned. Struck on usual irregular flan. Very rare. \$13,500

Ex Grant Francis Collection (Glendining, 24 March 1920), lot 240.



413166. COMMONWEALTH. Oliver Cromwell. Lord Protector, 1653-1658. Pattern AR Halfcrown (34mm, 15.10 g, 6h). Blondeau's mint, Drury House, London. Dies by Simon. Dated 1658. OLIVAR · D · G · R · P · ANG · SCO · HIB · &c PRO, laureate and draped bust left / PAX · QVÆRITVR · BELLO 16 58, crowned coat-of-arms. Lessen 126; ESC 447; North 2746; SCBC 3227A. Choice EF, richly toned with underlying luster, minor metal flaw in obverse field. \$12,500

Ex London Coins 129 (6 August 2010), lot 1382.

The Divine Right of Kingship



417522. STUART. Charles II. 1660-1685. AV Touch Piece (21mm, 3.60 g, 12h). Woolf Type A. Tower (London) mint. CAR · II · D · G · M · B · FR · ET · HI · REX · , *Sovereign of the Seas* under sail left / SOLI · DEO GLORIA, Archangel Michael slaying dragon to lower right. Woolf, *Sovereign*, dies O2/R2; Hawkins 86. Near EF, official piercing, some luster. Struck from fresh dies. \$1650

The association of disease with evil and the employment of the laying-on of hands to cure that disease/evil has been a part of human belief since at least the time of Jesus and the miracles associated with him. Among the numerous diseases that existed in medieval and modern Europe, one of the most heinous and virulent was the so-called *morbium regis*, or, as it was known in French, *mal de roi* – the King's Evil. A form of scrofula, a tubercular infection of the lymph nodes that left untreated turned into suppurating sores. While various home remedies were known, the one perceived certain cure was the laying-on of hands by the king in his role as the anointed representative of Christ. Beginning in France under Robert II (996-1017) and in England under Edward the Confessor (1042-1066), this ritual became an important part of kingship and also a crucial test of royal legitimacy. So popular did the ritual become that by the seventeenth century (under Edward the Confessor only one touch by him was ever recorded) a process was instituted in order to keep the crowds of sufferers at a manageable number.

As a part of the ritual, the afflicted would receive a coin as alms. Because of its association with this ritual, the coin would be kept to act as a talisman for the sufferer. By the time of Edward IV, the coin used was a gold denomination, the angel, that was perfectly suited for the ceremony as it bore a depiction of the Archangel Michael slaying the Dragon on the obverse and the royal ship-of-state – an allusion to the monarch – on the reverse. Under Henry VII (1485-1509), the practice was ritualized into a Divine Service and the coins themselves were a central part of the ceremony, retaining their relative intrinsic purity. Having first been threaded with a ribbon for suspension, the coin would be passed over the affected areas by the monarch, who would sometimes make the sign of the cross with the coin as well. Even after England had become a Protestant country, Queen Elizabeth I (1558-1603) continued to do the latter.

Under the Stuarts, the ceremony took on special significance since they viewed it as an important component of their increasingly absolutist view of the divine right of kingship. While James I (1603-1625), owing to his Protestant background and the lack of such a ritual in Scotland, initially balked at performing the ritual, he soon acquiesced, although he removed everything in the ritual that remotely smacked of papism and invoked God in the actual healing. Under James I and Charles I (1625-1649), the coin itself underwent significant design changes to the reverse, including under Charles the replacement of the traditional legend with a more ironic one – AMOR POPVLI PRÆSIDIVM REGIS (*The People's Love is the King's Safeguard*). Like his father, Charles I performed the ceremony only on Easter and Michaelmas, as well as on Progresses. In 1633, a few days after his Scottish Coronation, Charles touched about 100 people. To commemorate this event, special angels designed and struck by Nicholas Briot were used. During his captivity following the end of the Civil War, Charles continued to perform touchings; the coins and ribbons were supplied by those wanting to be touched.

Under the Commonwealth, both the denomination and the ceremony ceased. When the ritual was reintroduced during the Restoration of Charles II (1660-1685) and his successors, a gold medalet, now specifically a touch-piece, was created to replace the angel. Designed solely for the touching ceremony and not meant to be used as currency, this medalet continued to employ the designs of the former angel (although now the ship was now modernized by depicting the Sovereign of the Seas accompanied by the legend SOLI DEO GLORIA (*Alone to God the glory*)). The last reigning monarch to touch on British soil was Anne (1702-1714), who did so three months before her death. The Hanoverians refused to participate at all and the ritual died out in England, although in France it did so until the execution of Louis XVI (1774-1793), and was continued by the Stuart Pretenders until the death of Cardinal Henry Benedict Stuart, Henry IX to the Jacobites, in 1807.

417971. STUART. James II. In Exile, 1688-1701. AR Touch Piece Medallet (20mm, 1.35 g, 12h). Paris mint. Dies by N. Roettiers. Struck after 1695. IAC · II · D · G · M · B · F · ET · H · REX, *The Prince* under sail right / SOLI · DEO GLORIA · , Archangel Michael slaying dragon to lower right. Woolf, *Sovereign II* O1/R1; MI 611/20. VF, toned, official piercing. Struck from fresh dies. \$1200

Ex Manville Collection; Owen F. Parsons Collection (Baldwin's 12, 27 May 1997), lot 1001, purchased from Baldwin's, October 1979.



415993. HANOVER. George III. 1760-1820. Pattern AR Sixpence (21mm, 2.64 g, 12h). Tower (London) mint. Dies by Droz. Dated 1790. Crowned monogram within wreath / BRITANNIA 1790, Britannia seated left on globe, holding olive branch in extended right hand, transverse spear in left; shield resting on globe. ESC 1646. UNC, richly toned with underlying luster. \$725



413542. SCOTLAND. John Baliol. 1292-1296. AR Penny (18mm, 1.33 g, 11h). Second coinage. Berwick(?) mint. + IOHANNES DEI GRA, crowned bust left; scepter to left / REX SCOTORVM +, long cross pattée; voided mullet of five points in each angle. H&S, *Baliol* 203-5 (dies 34/br); Burns 17 (fig. 17 – same rev. die); SCBI 35 (Ashmolean & Hunterian) 314 (same dies); SCBC 5071. VF, toned, scratch in cheek. \$975



413544. SCOTLAND. Robert III. 1390-1406. AR Groat (26mm, 2.57 g, 4h). Heavy coinage. Edinburgh mint. Struck 1390-circa 1403. + ROBERTVS : DEI : GRA : REX : SCOTORVM (triple-pellet stops), crowned facing bust within tressure of eight arches; lis at cusps / + DNS : PTECTOR MS : 7 : LIB ATORMS/ VILL A : ED INBV RGH (saltire and double saltire stops), long cross pattée, with trefoil in each quarter. Burns 5 (fig. 348); SCBI 35 (Ashmolean & Hunterian) 540 (same dies); SCBC 5164. VF, toned. \$475



417970. SCOTLAND. Charles II. 1649-1685. AR Merk (27mm, 6.31 g, 8h). First coinage. Edinburgh mint. Dated 1671. CAROLVS · II · DEI : GRA ·, laureate, draped, and cuirassed bust right; thistle below / · MAG BRI · FRA ER · HIB REX · 16 71, cruciform coats-of-arms around XIII/4 (denomination); crowned monogram in angles. Burns 9 (fig. 1051); SCBI 35 (Ashmolean & Hunterian) 1585-6; SCBC 6511. VF, attractively toned. Clashed reverse die. Irregular die axis. \$975



406913. SCOTLAND, Charles II. 1649-1685. AR Dollar (39mm, 26.68 g, 6h). Second coinage. Edinburgh mint. Dated 1682. · CAROLVS · II · DEI · GRA ·, laureate and draped bust left; small F to lower left / · SCO ANG · FR ET · HIB REX · 1682, crowned cruciform coats-of-arms; interlocked Cs in center, thistles in quarters. Burns 3 (fig. 1054); SCBI 35 (Ashmolean & Hunterian) 1614-5, 1617; SCBC 6518. VF, reverse better, dappled toning. \$3250



417972. SCOTLAND, William & Mary. 1689-1694. AR Sixty Shillings (39mm, 27.68 g, 2h). Edinburgh mint. Dually dated 1692 and RY TERTIO. GVLIELMVS · ET MARIA · DEI GRA ·, jugate draped busts of William, laureate, and Mary left; 60 (denomination) below / MAG · BR · FR · ET · HIB REX · ET · REGINA · 1692 ·, crowned coat-of-arms. Edge: · PROTEGIT · ET · ORNAT · · ANNO · REGNI · TERTIO ·. Burns 2 (fig. 1065); SCBI 35 (Ashmolean & Hunterian) 1690-1; SCBC 5642. VF, deeply toned. \$3600

Ex Manville Collection; Spink Numismatic Circular LXXII (January 1964), no. 288.



415370. IRELAND, Hiberno-Norse, Sihtric III Olafsson. 995-1036. AR Penny (20mm, 1.65 g, 3h). Phase I coinage, Long Cross type. Difelin (Dublin) mint; Faeremin, moneyer. Struck circa 1000-1010. + SIHTRC REX DYFLIN, draped bust left, pellet behind / + FÆ REMI N M-Θ DYFLI, voided long cross, with triple crescent ends. O'S -; SCBI 32 (Ulster), 17 (same dies); D&F 5; SCBC 6103. Near EF, lightly toned. \$2750



415374. IRELAND, Hiberno-Norse. Sihtric III Olafsson. 995-1036. AR Penny (19mm, 1.34 g, 9h). Phase II coinage, Long Cross type. Difelin (Dublin) mint; 'Faeremin', moneyer. Struck circa 1018-1035. + ZIHTRC RE+ DYFLMI, draped bust left; cross pattée behind neck / + FÆ REMI N MΘ DYFLI, voided long cross, with triple crescent ends; pellet in third quarter. Cf. O'S 10; cf. SCBI 32 (Ulster), 49-57; cf. SCBI 8 (BM), 64-6; D&F 23; SCBC 6103. Near EF, toned. \$2500



412770. ANGLO-GALLIC. Edward the Black Prince. As Prince of Aquitaine, 1362-1372. AR Hardi d'argent (19mm, 1.12 g, 12h). Poitiers mint. ED PO GENT REGI AGC, half-length figure of Edward facing beneath Gothic canopy, holding sword in right hand and raising left in benediction / PRN CPS AQPI TAN, long cross pattée; lis in first and fourth quarters, leopard in second and third. Elias 205b; Duplessy, *Féodales* 1126; Elias Collection 313. Good VF, toned. \$575

BRITISH MEDALS

Discovery and Failure of the Gunpowder Plot



414295. STUART. temp. James I. 1603-1625. CU Jeton (30mm, 5.91 g, 10h). The Discovery and Failure of the Gunpowder Plot. Of uncertain Dutch manufacture. Dated 1605 in *chronogram on reverse*. (rosette) DETECTVS · QVI · LATVIT · S · C · (the *concealed one is discovered*), snake (the Jesuits) coiled rightward, surrounded by roses (England) and lis (France) / (rosette) NON DORMITASTI ANTISTES IACOBI (you, the *keeper of James, have not slept*, –adapted from Psalms), rayed name of God in Hebrew. MI 196/19; Eimer 86. Good VF, brown patina. \$495



413167. STUART. Charles II. 1660-1685. AR Medal (29mm, 7.60 g, 3h). Coronation. By T. Simon. Dated 1661. CAROLVS · II · D · G · ANG · SCO · FR · ET · HI · REX, crowned and mantled bust right, wearing Collar of the Order of the Garter / EVERSO · MISSVS · SVCCVRERE · SECLO · XXIII · APR · 1661 (*sent to support a fallen age*, –adapted from Virgil), Charles seated left on throne, wearing royal robes, and being crowned by Victory flying rightward from above. MI 472/76; Eimer 221. Choice EF, attractively toned, with underlying luster. \$1050

Ex Spink Numismatic Circular CXX.1 (April 2012), no. CM1397.



416539. STUART. James II, with Mary of Modena. 1685-1688. AR Medal (29mm, 10.26 g, 12h). By G. Bower. Struck circa 1685. · IACOBVS · II · D · G · MAG · BRI · FRAN · ET · HIB · REX, laureate, draped, and cuirassed bust of James right; · G · B · F · below / · MARIA · D · F · MAG · BRI · FRI · ET · HIB · REGINA, laureate and draped bust of Mary right. MI 608/12; Eimer 284. EF, toned, minor marks. \$750



411631. STUART (ORANGE). William III. 1689-1702. AR Medal (34mm, 16.68 g, 12h). Coronation Festival at the Hague. Of uncertain Dutch manufacture. Dated 1689 in Roman numerals. : BRITANN · LIBER · RELIG · IUSTIT · LEG · VIND · M · D · C · L · XXXIX :, crowned coat-of-arms within Collar of the Order / HANC TUEMUR HAC NITIMUR (*this liberty we defend, upon this Bible we rest*), armed female figure standing facing, head right, holding cap-on-pole and resting arm upon Bible placed upon decorated altar. MI 677/53; Eimer —. Near EF, toned. \$395

Samuel Tyssen – Lawyer and Numismatist



416538. temp. HANOVER. Samuel Tyssen, lawyer and numismatist. 1750?-1800. AR Medal (40mm, 25.21 g, 1h). On his death. By J. Milton. Dated 1800 (in Roman numerals). SAMUEL · TYSSEN · ARM · A · S · S ·, bare head left; below, MILTON SC · AD VIVUM / DE/ NARBOROUGH HALL/ IN/ AGRO NORFOLCIENSI/ EFFIGIAVIT/ AMICA MANUS/ JOAN. MILTON/ MD CCC ([*Samuel Tyssen*] of Narborough Hall in the county of Norfolk. *The friendly hand of John Milton made this likeness*) in eight lines within wreath. BHM 491; Eimer 920. Good VF, toned. \$995

Samuel Tyssen was among the greatest English collectors of the 18th century. After his death, his collection was dispersed by Sotheby's in a sale lasting a remarkable twelve days.

Legitimacy of the Jacobite Succession



417975. *temp.* HANOVER. Charles Edward Stuart 'Bonnie Prince Charlie'. 1720-1788. AV Medal (52mm, 74.55 g, 12h). Legitimacy of the Jacobite Succession. By T. Pingo. A later strike from dies made c. 1750. PRINCE CHARLES EDWARD STUART, bare head right / Charles in highland dress standing left, extending hand to Scotia standing right, holding spear and resting hand on shield; cornucopia on ground between; to left, Unicorn seated right on plinth; castle and ships in background; SEMPER ARMIS NUNC ET INDUSTRIA (*Always with arms and now with diligence*). Woolf 64.1 (unlisted in gold); Eimer, *Pingo* 6; MI 656/360 (unlisted in gold); Eimer 626. Choice EF, light die rust on reverse as usual. Considerable luster. Extremely rare in gold. Includes old collection ticket. \$17,500

Ex Property of a Gentleman (Sotheby's New York, 8 December 1992), lot 193, purchased from I. Snyderman (Art Trading Company), 16 January 1959; J. Pierpont Morgan Collection; reportedly also ex Thomas Fortune Ryan Collection.

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The Seleukid Coins from the “Friend of a Scholar” Collection

Classical Numismatic Group is pleased to present the Seleukid coins from the “Friend of a Scholar” collection intact, and as a single lot, containing 99 coins with an emphasis on great rarity and quality. The formation of the “Friend” Seleukid collection began in September of 1981, when he purchased a large group of Seleukid coinage from the distinguished Parisian firm of Maison Platt. Michel Kampmann of Maison Platt was instrumental in guiding our collector with his numismatic purchases, and acted as his main advisor for many years.

The numismatic mentor of our “Friend” was Georges Le Rider, the great Hellenistic scholar, and former director of the Cabinet des Médailles at the Bibliothèque Nationale in Paris, as well as the Deputy Director of the Bibliothèque Nationale itself from 1975-1981. As a result, the “Friend of a Scholar” collection is included in many of Le Rider’s die studies as well as those of other important Seleukid scholars.

Coins were added to the “Friend” Seleukid collection primarily through auction purchases, where he was active from the 1980s through the first decade of this century, from such auction houses as Baldwin’s, Bank Leu, Harlan J. Berk, Ltd., Claude Burgan, Classical Numismatic Group, Inc., Giessener Münzhandlung (Gorny & Mosch), Münzen und Medaillen AG, Münzen und Medaillen GmbH, Numismatica Ars Classica NAC AG, Numismatic Fine Arts, Inc., Numismatica Genevensis SA, Numismatik Lanz München, Dr. Busso Peus Nachf., and Jean Vinchon.

An emphasis was placed on pedigreed and well-provenanced coins, and some of the most important collections since the late 19th century are represented, including the Abramowitz Family Collection, Burton Y. Berry, Major-General Haughton, Arthur Houghton, Nelson Bunker Hunt, Count Alessandro Magnaguti, Walter Niggeler, and the John Ward Collection (Metropolitan Museum of Art).

With only 99 coins, almost every one is a highlight, but some of the more important coins in this collection are the Seleukos I tetradrachm with the horned horse head on the obverse and standing elephant on the reverse (SC 1.1), a choice Susa mint “Hero and trophy” tetradrachm (SC 173.11), and the discovery coin for the Seleukos I tetradrachm with Herakles/Alexander the Great on horseback types (SC 203). A tetradrachm of Antiochos I featuring a horned and diademed head of Seleukos I on the obverse and a horned horse’s head on the reverse (SC 322) is also included in the “Friend” collection.

Tetradrachms of Antiochos II Theos (SC 607a and SC 501), Antiochos Hierax (SC 875.3 var. and SC 907c), Antiochos III Megas (SC 1067), Seleukos IV (SC 1329.2b), and Antiochos, son of Seleukos IV (SC 1369a and SC 1370 [drachm]) are featured in the collection. Two of the more important and artistic highlights are the issues of Antiochos IV that feature beautifully engraved portraits of Zeus and Apollo on the obverse (SC 1398 and SC 1401). Another masterfully engraved rendition of Zeus is featured on a tetradrachm of Alexander I Balas (SC 1798).

A tetradrachm of Alexander I Balas and Kleopatra Thea from the Ptolemais mint (SC 1841) is included in the collection, as is a Tarsos mint tetradrachm of Antiochos VI Dionysos with a Sandan on altar reverse (SC 1996)—one of only two known. The usurper Tryphon is represented by two tetradrachms (SC 2037 and SC 2046.2c) and a drachm (SC 2033d), and Demetrios II Nikator’s coinage is highlighted by a tetradrachm from the Tarsos mint (SC 2156.3).

One of the great rarities in the Seleukid series is the silver tetradrachm of Kleopatra Thea from her brief sole reign (SC 2258.2), which is represented by a choice example that first appeared in the Spink COINEX 2003 sale. A joint rule tetradrachm of Kleopatra Thea and her son Antiochos VIII from the Damaskos mint is also included (SC 2267.1 var.). A Tarsos mint Sandan on altar tetradrachm for Antiochos VIII is featured (SC 2288.1b), as is a Damaskos tetradrachm of Antiochos IX Kyzikenos (SC 2381.1). An extremely rare tetradrachm issued for Seleukos VI at the Seleukeia on the Kalykadnos mint (SC 2405.8) is part of the “Friend” collection, as is the unique joint rule tetradrachm of Antiochos XI and his brother Philip I Philadelphos (SC 2438).

Finally, the “Friend of a Scholar Collection” of Seleukid coinage includes important gold staters for Antiochos I Soter (SC 435.3), Antiochos II Theos (SC 617), Seleukos II Kallinikos (SC 701 and SC 786), Demetrios I Soter (SC 1724—unique stater from the Ekbatana mint), and the unique stater of Alexander II Zabinas from Antioch on the Orontes (SC 2216).

This collection is offered in its entirety (No. 418845) – **Price on Application**



Seleukos I Nikator. As satrap, 321-315 BC. AR Stater – Double Shekel (24mm, 15.47 g, 4h). Babylon II mint. Struck circa 311-303 BC. Baal seated left, holding scepter with right hand, left hand resting on throne / Lion advancing left; horizontal anchor and Γ above; Π and laurel leaf in exergue. SC 88.7d; HGC 9, 67a. VF, toned, some light porosity, small flaw in field.

Purchased from Baldwin's, January 2005.

One of the Great Seleukid Rarities



Seleukos I Nikator. 312-281 BC. AR Tetradrachm (30mm, 16.83 g, 12h). Pergamon mint. Struck circa 281 BC until Seleukos' assassination. Horned and bridled horse head right with horn-like forelock / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΣΕΛΕΥΚΟΥ above and below, elephant standing right; bee above royal title, horizontal anchor right in exergue. SC 1.1; WSM 1528; HGC 9, 23. Good VF, toned, some marks and cleaning scratches. Very rare.

Ex Leu 45 (26 May 1988), lot 256; Leu 18 (5 May 1977), lot 243; Münzen und Medaillen AG 13 (17 June 1954), lot 1193.

One of the great rarities in the Seleukid series, this coin was minted by Philetairos as part of a commemorative coinage honoring his new sovereign after the Battle of Corupedion in 281 BC. The types were chosen particularly for Seleukos—a horned horse's head—and an elephant, which may symbolize Seleukos' reconquest of India circa 305 BC, and also the role of the elephant corps at Corupedion.



Seleukos I Nikator. 312-281 BC. AR Tetradrachm (27mm, 16.84 g, 9h). In the types of Alexander III of Macedon. Seleukeia on the Tigris mint I. Struck circa 300-281 BC. Head of Herakles right, wearing lion skin / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΣΕΛΕΥΚΟΥ, Zeus Aëtophoros seated left; Π in left field, Λ below throne. SC 117.1c; ESM 4 (A15/P38); HGC 9, 12i. Near EF, lightly toned, some minor porosity.

Purchased from Maison Platt, September 1981.



Seleukos I Nikator. 312-281 BC. AR Tetradrachm (27mm, 16.52 g, 7h). Seleukeia on the Tigris mint, Workshop II. Struck circa 296/5-281 BC. Head of Zeus right, wearing laurel wreath / $\text{BA}\Sigma\text{I}\Lambda\text{E}\Omega\Sigma \text{ }\Sigma\text{E}\Lambda\text{EYK}\text{OY}$, Athena, brandishing spear overhead in right hand, shield on left arm, in quadriga of elephants right; anchor and \odot above, P to left. SC 130.43a; ESM 122; HGC 9, 18a. Near EF, toned, some porosity.

Purchased from Maison Platt, September 1981.



Seleukos I Nikator. 312-281 BC. AR Drachm (16mm, 4.06 g, 5h). Seleukeia on the Tigris mint, Workshop II. Struck circa 296/5-281 BC. Head of Zeus right, wearing laurel wreath / $\text{BA}\Sigma\text{I}\Lambda\text{E}\Omega\Sigma \text{ }\Sigma\text{E}\Lambda\text{EYK}\text{OY}$, Athena, brandishing spear overhead in right hand, shield on left arm, in quadriga of elephants right; anchor and \odot above, P in exergue. SC 131.9d; ESM 97; HGC 9, 32a. VF, toned, a bit of granularity on the obverse.

Purchased from Maison Platt, September 1981.



Seleukos I Nikator. 312-281 BC. AV Stater (18mm, 8.59 g, 9h). In the types of Alexander III of Macedon. Seleukeia on the Tigris mint II. Struck circa 296/5-281 BC. Helmeted head of Athena right, serpent on helmet / $\Sigma\text{E}\Lambda\text{EYK}\text{OY}$, Nike standing left, holding wreath and cradling stylis; below right wing, \odot above P . SC 138.3 corr. (monogram; this coin cited); HGC 9, 4e. EF, underlying luster, a few marks and scrapes. Rare.

Ex Vecchi 1 (1 February 1996), lot 356; Abramowitz Family Collection (Superior, 8 December 1993), lot 267.

Hellenistic Masterpiece



Seleukos I Nikator. 312-281 BC. AR Tetradrachm (26mm, 16.93 g, 7h). Susa mint. Struck circa 305/4-295 BC. Head of hero (Alexander or Seleukos?) right, wearing helmet covered with panther skin and adorned with the ear and horns of a bull / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΣΕΛΕΥΚΟΥ, Nike standing right, holding in both hands a wreath that she places on trophy to right; Ξ to lower left, ΔΙ in lower middle field. SC 173.11; ESMS Tr.58 (A43/P8); ESM 413; HGC 9, 20. Superb EF, toned, insignificant cleaning scratches on the reverse. A magnificent portrait.

Ex Leu 45 (26 May 1988), lot 254; Münzen und Medaillen AG 52 (19 June 1975), lot 208.

From the John Ward Collection



Seleukos I Nikator. 312-281 BC. AR Drachm (17mm, 4.16 g, 9h). Susa mint. Struck circa 305/4-295 BC. Head of hero (Alexander or Seleukos?) right, wearing helmet covered with panther skin and adorned with the ear and horns of a bull / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΣΕΛΕΥΚΟΥ, Nike standing right, holding in both hands a wreath that she places on trophy to right; Η to lower left, ΑΧ in lower middle field. SC 174.5; ESMS S-31; ESM 418; HGC 9, 34; BMC 39; CSE 1024; Jameson 1656; Ward 770 (this coin). VF, toned.

Purchased from Maison Platt, September 1981. Ex John Ward Collection – Metropolitan Museum of Art (Sotheby's Zürich, 4 April 1973), lot 656.



Seleukos I Nikator. 312-281 BC. AR Tetradrachm (25mm, 17.16 g, 1h). In the types of Alexander III of Macedon. Ekbatana mint. Struck circa 295-281 BC. Head of Herakles right, wearing lion skin / $\text{BA}\Sigma\text{I}\Lambda\text{E}\Omega\text{Σ}\ \Sigma\text{E}\Lambda\text{EYK}\text{OY}$. Zeus Aëtophoros seated left; in left field, P above horizontal anchor left and forepart of horse grazing left, $\Sigma\Omega$ below throne. SC 202.11d; Price 3941; HGC 9, 9e. Good VF, lightly toned.

Purchased from Maison Platt, September 1981.

The First of the Four Known: Alexander Riding Boukephalos



Seleukos I Nikator. 312-281 BC. AR Tetradrachm (27mm, 17.09 g, 5h). Ekbatana mint. Struck circa 295 BC. Head of Herakles right, wearing lion skin / $\text{BA}\Sigma\text{I}\Lambda\text{E}\Omega\text{Σ}\ \Sigma\text{E}\Lambda\text{EYK}\text{OY}$ in exergue, Alexander the Great, with Dionysiac attributes, wearing helmet adorned with bull's ear and horns, panther skin on shoulders, riding Boukephalos right; across lower field, from left to right, $\Sigma\Omega$, P , and K , SC 203 (this coin cited and illustrated); HGC 9, 24 (this coin illustrated); A. Houghton and A. Stewart, "The Equestrian Portrait of Alexander the Great on a New Tetradrachm of Seleukos I" in *SNR* 78 (1999), pl. 5, 1 (this coin). Good VF, toned, a few light marks and scratches. Extremely rare, one of only four known, and the discovery coin.

Ex Numismatica Ars Classica 11 (29 April 1998), lot 110.

This extraordinary coin comes from a series that also includes some very rare drachms and hemidrachms of the same type. The identification of the figure on the reverse is controversial: Is it Dionysos the Conqueror? Is it Alexander with attributes of Dionysos? Is it Seleukos with attributes of Alexander and Dionysos? Or is it a general hero with attributes of all of them? Houghton and Stewart made a very good case for it being Alexander, based on the Dionysiac symbolism used for the portrait of Alexander on the victory coinage struck in Susa ten years earlier. On this coin we can see that the saddle cloth is an animal skin (the tail can be made out waving behind the rider); presumably that of a panther. The horns of the horse immediately recall Alexander's mount, the famous Boukephalos, thus, seemingly making the identification of the rider certain. Since the publication of 1999, however, Houghton seems to have had second thoughts, and wonders that the rider may well be Seleukos. This is unlikely. The fact that this issue was so limited in size argues against it being the introduction of a new iconographic representation of Seleukos, rather than a reprise of that of Alexander. After all, if it was meant to be Seleukos, why is it never used again? The suggestion that the horned horse is not Alexander's mount, but the swift horse that carried Seleukos away from Babylon in 315 BC, is equally unlikely because that horse is never said to have had horns and the fact that horned horse heads are often found on some eastern silver and bronze coins of Seleukos I and a few of his successors does not support that attribution. Those heads are surely of Boukephalos, especially since he died and was buried in the east. Clearly, the horseman on this coin is Alexander, conqueror of the East, in a pose very similar to that found on the so-called Poros Dekadrachms. He appears on this special issue for the same reasons he appeared on the series from Susa: to recall the deeds of Alexander in the past and associate them with those of Seleukos in the present. This is not only one of the most exciting and historically significant coins minted by the Seleukids, but it is also a particularly striking depiction of Alexander.



Antiochos I Soter. 281-261 BC. AR Tetradrachm (27mm, 16.46 g, 12h). In the types of Alexander III of Macedon. Pergamon mint. Struck under Philetairos in the name of Seleukos I, circa 279-274 BC. Head of Herakles right, wearing lion skin / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΣΕΛΕΥΚΟΥ, Zeus Aëtophoros seated left; in left field, head of Athena right, wearing crested Corinthian helmet; oval (or wreath?) below throne. SC 308d; WSM 1535β (same dies); HGC 9, 125a. EF, lightly toned.

Ex Numismatic Fine Arts XX (9 March 1988), lot 758.



Antiochos I Soter. 281-261 BC. AR Tetradrachm (27mm, 16.89 g, 8h). Sardeis mint. Struck circa 276-271 BC. Horned and diademed head of Seleukos I right / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ, horned and bridled horse head right with horn-like forelock; Ⲁ to right of horse's forehead and Ⓢ before neck. SC 322; WSM 1359; HGC 9, 131. VF, toned, some marks and light scratches. Very rare.

Ex Giessener Münzhandlung 48 (2 April 1990), lot 549.



SC 378.3a



SC 379.3c



Antiochos I Soter. 281-261 BC. AR Tetradrachm (28mm, 17.11 g, 10h). Seleukeia on the Tigris mint. Diademed head right / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ, Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, holding two arrows in his right hand, left hand on bow set on ground to right; ⚔ to outer left, ⚔ to outer right. SC 378.3a; ESM 140; HGC 9, 128g. Good VF, lightly toned, a few cleaning marks in obverse fields.

Ex Berk BBS 104 (16 September 1998), lot 220.

Antiochos I Soter. 281-261 BC. AR Tetradrachm (29mm, 17.11 g, 9h). Seleukeia on the Tigris mint. Diademed head right / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ, Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, testing arrow in his right hand, left hand on bow set on ground to right; ⚔ to outer left, ⚔ to outer right. SC 379.3c; ESM 155; HGC 9, 128g. Good VF, toned, a few light marks and scratches. Exceptional high-relief portrait of Antiochos I.

Purchased from Maison Platt, September 1981.



Antiochos I Soter. 281-261 BC. AR Tetradrachm (23mm, 17.20 g, 5h). Ekbatana mint. Diademed head right / [ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ] ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ, Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, holding three arrows in his right hand, left hand on bow set on ground to right; to inner left, ⚔ above and ⚔ below arm; at feet, forepart of horse grazing left. SC 409.2b; ESM 518; HGC 9, 128h. VF, toned, compact flan, small flan crack at Antiochos' nose.

Ex Münzen und Medaillen AG 88 (17 May 1999), lot 269.



From the Nelson Bunker Hunt Collection Pedigreed to 1954

Antiochos I Soter. 281-261 BC. AV Stater (18mm, 8.42 g, 6h). Ai Khanoum mint. Diademed head right, with elderly features / $\text{ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ } [\text{Α}] \text{ΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ}$, Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, testing arrow in his right hand, left hand on bow set on ground to right; Δ to inner left above arrow. SC 435.3; ESM 703a (same dies); HGC 9, 122. EF, die and metal flaws on the obverse, a few light scratches. Very Rare.

Ex Nelson Bunker Hunt Collection (Sotheby's New York, 4 December 1990), lot 55; Leu 20 (25 April 1978), lot 159; Hess-Leu (14 April 1954), lot 182.

Antiochos II Theos. 261-246 BC. AR Tetradrachm (31mm, 16.98 g, 12h). Myrina mint. Diademed head right of Antiochos I, rejuvenated and idealized / $\text{ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ } \text{ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ}$, Herakles seated left on rock draped with lion's skin, holding club set on ground with his right hand, left hand resting on lion skin and rock; amphora to outer left, Φ and arrowhead in exergue. SC 501; WSM 1527; HGC 9, 241b. Choice EF, lightly toned, light graffiti in reverse field. Well centered on a large flan. From dies of fine style.

Ex Giessener Münzhandlung 55 (14 May 1991), lot 336.

Outstanding Portrait Tetradrachm



Antiochos II Theos. 261-246 BC. AR Tetradrachm (29mm, 17.11 g, 12h). Phokaia mint. Diademed head right of Antiochos I, middle-aged to elderly / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙ-ΟΧΟΥ, Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, testing arrow in his right hand, left hand on bow set on ground to right; forepart of griffin left to outer left, \mathcal{R} to outer right. SC 508.1 (this coin cited); WSM 1501 (same obv. die as illustration); HGC 9, 236e. Choice EF. An outstanding portrait in high relief.

Ex Athena Fund (Sotheby's Zurich, 26 October 1993), lot 66; Numismatic Fine Arts XXX (8 December 1992), lot 116; Leu 52 (15 May 1991), lot 111.



Antiochos II Theos. 261-246 BC. AR Tetradrachm (29mm, 16.28 g, 1h). Ephesos(?) mint. Diademed head right / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙ-ΟΧΟΥ, Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, holding bow with his right hand, left hand resting on omphalos; \mathcal{R} in exergue. SC 543.1b; WSM 1487a (same dies); HGC 9, 239. Good VF, toned, smoothing on the reverse.

Purchased from Maison Platt, April 1986.



Antiochos II Theos, 261-246 BC. AR Tetradrachm (29mm, 16.97 g, 12h). Antioch on the Orontes mint. Diademed head right / BΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ANTI-OXOY, Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, testing arrow in his right hand, left hand on bow set on ground to right; Κ to outer left, Δ[Ι] to outer right. SC 571.1a; Le Rider, *Antioche* 1-4 (A1/P1); WSM 976; HGC 9, 238o. EF, toned, area of find patina on reverse edge. Struck in high relief from well excuted dies.

Purchased from Maison Platt, April 1986.



Antiochos II Theos, 261-246 BC. AR Tetradrachm (29mm, 17.10 g, 8h). Seleukeia on the Tigris mint. Diademed head right of Antiochos I / BΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ANTI-OXOY, Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, testing arrow in his right hand, left hand on bow set on ground to right; Π to outer left, Ϙ to outer right. SC 587.1a; ESM 178; HGC 9, 236g. EF, toned.

Ex Giessener Münzhandlung 48 (2 April 1990), lot 555.



Antiochos II Theos, 261-246 BC. AR Tetradrachm (31mm, 17.30 g, 5h). Ekbatana mint. Diademed head right / BΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ANTI-OXOY, Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, holding three arrows in his right hand, left hand on bow set on ground to right; to inner left, Ξ above and Ⓢ below arm; at feet, forepart of horse grazing left. SC 607a; ESM 541; HGC 9, 238v. EF, lightly toned, die and metal flaws, some minor deposits.

Ex Numismatica Ars Classica 23 (19 March 2002), lot 1286.

Pedigreed to Ward Collection & 1900 Sotheby's "A Late Collector" Sale



Antiochos II Theos. 261-246 BC. AV Stater (18mm, 8.39 g, 6h). Ai Khanoum mint. Diademed head right of Antiochos I, with elderly features / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ, Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, testing arrow in his right hand, left hand on bow set on ground to right; star to inner left above arrow, ♀ below arrow, kithara before legs. SC 617; ESM 707a = Ward 775 (this coin); HGC 9, 228. EF, slight die shift on both obverse and reverse.

Ex Leu 45 (26 May 1988), lot 259; *John Ward Collection – Metropolitan Museum of Art* (Sotheby's Zürich, 4 April 1973), lot 662; "A Late Collector" [Rothschild Collection] (Sotheby, Wilkinson and Hodge, 28 May 1900), lot 421.



“**Antiochos Soter**”. Circa 246-244 BC. AR Tetradrachm (30mm, 16.69 g, 12h). Δ/ΕΛ mint, associated with Antioch. Diademed head right of Antiochos I / ΣΙΩΤΗΡΟΣ ANTIOXOY, Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, testing arrow in his right hand, left hand on bow set on ground to right. SC 641; Le Rider, *Antioche* 19 (A2/P12 – this coin, illustrated); WSM 1144; HGC 9, 295. VF, toned, some roughness. Rare.

Ex Numismatic Fine Arts Winter MBS (14 December 1989), lot 641.

Seleukos II Kallinikos. 246-225 BC. AR Tetradrachm (29mm, 16.80 g, 1h). Teos(?) mint. Diademed head right / [BA] ΣΙΑΕΝΞ ΕΛΑ-ΕΥΚΟΥ, Apollo Delphios standing left, testing arrow with his right hand, leaning on tripod with left elbow to right; palm frond to inner left. SC 645 (this coin cited); HGC 9, 303j (Ephesos mint?). Good VF, toned, some minor porosity. Rare.

Purchased from Maison Platt, September 1981.



Seleukos II Kallinikos. 246-225 BC. AR Tetradrachm (28mm, 17.06 g, 11h). Magnesia on Mt. Sipylus(?) mint. Diademed head right / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΣΕΛΕΥΚΟΥ, Apollo Delphios standing left, testing arrow with his right hand, leaning on tripod with left elbow to right; Β to outer left. SC 651.2 (same dies as first illustrated example on pl. 31); HGC 9, 303f. Good VF, lightly toned, light marks and scratches. Struck in high relief.

Purchased from Maison Platt, September 1981.

Published in Le Rider, *Antioche*



Seleukos II Kallinikos. 246-225 BC. AV Stater (17mm, 8.49 g, 12h). Antioch on the Orontes(?) mint. Diademed head right / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΣΕΛΕΥΚΟΥ, Apollo Delphios standing left, testing arrow in his extended right hand, left hand on bow set on ground to right; Α to outer left. SC 701; Le Rider, *Antioche*, Annexe 6, 3 (A1/P2 – this coin); HGC 9, 299c. EF, underlying luster. Struck from worn dies, a few marks. Very rare.

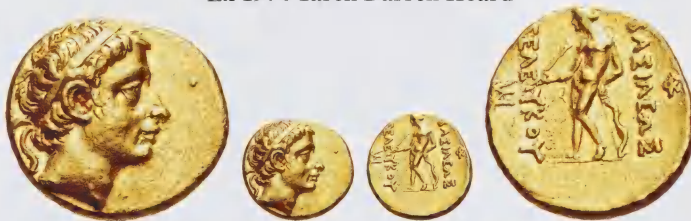
Ex Leu 48 (10 May 1989), lot 257; Münzen und Medaillen AG 47 (30 November 1972), lot 521.



Seleukos II Kallinikos. 246-225 BC. AR Tetradrachm (29mm, 16.97 g, 12h). Uncertain mint 39, in Northern Syria or Northern Mesopotamia. Diademed head right / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΣΕΛΕΥΚΟΥ, Apollo Delphios standing left, testing arrow with his right hand, leaning on tripod with left elbow to right; Β to inner left. SC 724.6; Le Rider, *Antioche* Annexe 3, 14 (A5/P10 – this coin); WSM 1006; HGC 9, 303v. Good VF, toned.

Ex Münzen und Medaillen GmbH 11 (7 November 2002), lot 752; Numismatic Fine Arts XI (New York, 8 December 1982), lot 214.

Ex 1974 Tarek Darreh Hoard



Seleukos II Kallinikos. 246-225 BC. AV Stater (19mm, 8.53 g, 9h). Susa mint. Struck circa 228 BC. Diademed head right / $\text{ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ} \text{ } [\Sigma] \text{ΕΛΕΥΚΟΥ}$, Apollo standing left, testing arrow in his extended right hand, left hand on bow set on ground to right; Σ to outer left, and Ε to outer right. SC 786; HGC 9, 299i; CSE 1046 (same dies); Houghton, "Tarek Darreh (Kangavar) Hoard," *ANSMN* 25 (1980), p. 34, 15 (this coin). Good VF, struck slightly off center.

Ex Münzen und Medaillen AG FPL 509 (April 1988), lot 6; 1974 Tarik Darreh Hoard (CH II, 70; CH VII, 78).

From the Burton Y. Berry Collection



Antiochos Hierax. Circa 242-227 BC. AR Tetradrachm (33mm, 17.05 g, 11h). Parion mint. Diademed head right, probably Antiochos II / $\text{ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ} \text{ } \text{ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ}$, Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, testing arrow in his right hand, left hand on bow set on ground to right; in exergue, Α , Φ , and Π . SC 835.2 (this coin cited); HGC 9, 400a; SNG Berry 1350 (this coin). Choice EF, toned. Well centered on a medalllic flan.

Ex Numismatica Ars Classica 2 (21 February 1990), lot 221; Burton Y. Berry Collection, 1350.



Antiochos Hierax. Circa 242-227 BC. AR Tetradrachm (31mm, 16.87 g, 12h). Parion mint. Diademed head right, probably Antiochos II / $\text{ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ} \text{ } \text{ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ}$, Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, testing arrow in his right hand, left hand on bow set on ground to right; in exergue, [monogram(s)]. Cf. SC 835; cf. HGC 9, 400a. Good VF, toned.

Purchased from Jean Vinchon, April 1985.

An exact attribution is not possible for this coin, but as it shares the same obverse die as the previous coin (SC 835.2), the general attribution to the mint and ruler are certain.



Antiochos Hierax. Circa 242-227 BC. AR Tetradrachm (31mm, 16.35 g, 12h). Abydos mint. Diademed head of Antiochos I right / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ, Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, testing arrow in his right hand, left hand on bow set on ground to right; long torch to inner left, ☒ and eagle standing left in exergue. SC 840.1; Houghton, *Lampsacus*, Group A, dies A1/P1; WSM 1558; HGC 9, 399b. VF, toned, minor porosity. Well centered.

Ex Münzen und Medaillen GmbH 11 (7 November 2002), lot 753; Numismatic Fine Arts IX (New York, 10 December 1980), lot 318.

The obverse die for this issue was transferred to the mint at Lysimacheia.

Unpublished Variety



Antiochos Hierax. Circa 242-227 BC. AR Tetradrachm (29mm, 17.14 g, 12h). Alexandria Troas mint, workshop A(?). Series I, Group A. Head of Antiochos I, rejuvenated and idealized, right, wearing winged diadem / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ, Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, testing arrow in his right hand, left hand on bow set on ground to right; ☒ and ☐ beneath Apollo's feet, horse grazing left in exergue. SC –, but cf. 875.3 var. (first monogram not recut); WSM 1570 var. (same); HGC 9, 399g. Good VF, toned, a few light marks. Unpublished variety with a clear first monogram beneath Apollo's feet.

Purchased from Münzen und Medaillen AG, June 1993.

From the Nelson Bunker Hunt and Major-General Haughton Collections



Antiochos Hierax. Circa 242-227 BC. AR Tetradrachm (32mm, 16.70 g, 1h). EIO mint, in Inland Asia Minor, probably Phrygia. Diademed head of Antiochos Hierax right, with mature features and sideburn / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ANTIO-CHOY, Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, testing arrow in his right hand, left hand on bow set on ground to right; ΕΠΙΟ in exergue. SC 907c (same obv. die as illustration); WSM 1679β (same obv. die); HGC 9, 403i. Choice EF, toned, minor die flaws.

Ex Lantz 112 (25 November 2002), lot 230; Nelson Bunker Hunt Collection (Sotheby's New York, 21 June 1990), lot 584; Münzen und Medaillen AG 41 (18 June 1970), lot 283; Münzen und Medaillen AG 37 (5 December 1968), lot 234; Major-General H. L. Haughton Collection (Sotheby & Co., 30 April 1958), lot 161.



Seleukos III Soter (Keraunos), 225/4-222 BC. AR Tetradrachm (32mm, 16.76 g, 1h). Antioch on the Orontes mint. Diademed head right / $\text{ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ} \text{ ΣΕΛΕΥΚΟΥ}$, Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, testing arrow in his right hand, left hand on bow set on ground to right; Α to outer left, Υ to outer right. SC 921.1; Le Rider, *Antioche* 31-74 (obv. die A3); WSM 1029; HGC 9, 414c. EF, toned, some minor porosity. Exceptional high-relief portrait on a broad flan.

Ex Gemini 1 (11 January 2005), lot 203.

From the Houghton, Niggeler, Magnaguti, and Hermitage Museum Collections



Seleukos III Soter (Keraunos), 225/4-222 BC. AR Tetradrachm (29mm, 16.95 g, 12h). Antioch on the Orontes mint. Diademed head right / $\text{ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ} \text{ ΣΕΛΕΥΚΟΥ}$, Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, testing arrow in his right hand, left hand on bow set on ground to right; Α to outer left. SC 921.5c; Le Rider, *Antioche* 130 (A6/P81) = CSE 56 = WSM 1024γ (this coin); HGC 9, 414c. Near EF, toned, a few marks.

Ex Leu 45 (26 May 1988), lot 263; Arthur Houghton Collection, 56; Walter Niggeler Collection (Part I, Leu/Münzen und Medaillen AG, 3 December 1965), lot 461; Count Alessandro Magnaguti Collection (Part I, P & P Santamaria, 1949), lot 78; Hermitage Collection (Schlessinger 13, 4 February 1935), lot 1439.



Antiochos III 'the Great', 222-187 BC. AR Tetradrachm (30mm, 17.12 g, 12h). Tarsos mint. Diademed head right (Type Aii portrait) / $\text{ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ} \text{ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ}$, Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, testing arrow in his right hand, left hand on bow set on ground to right; Α to outer left, ΝΚ to outer right, club in exergue. SC 1026.5; WSM 1266; HGC 9, 447r. VF, toned, obverse die flaws, marks.

Ex Münzen und Medaillen AG 88 (17 May 1999), lot 279.



Antiochos III 'the Great', 222-187 BC. AR Tetradrachm (29mm, 17.22 g, 12h). Tarsos mint. Diademed head right (Type D portrait) / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ, Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, testing arrow in his right hand, left hand on bow set on ground to right; Α to outer left, Π to outer right. SC 1030; WSM 1255α (this coin); HGC 9, 447r. Good VF, toned, light marks.

Purchased from Maison Platt, September 1981. Ex Ars Classica XIII (27 June 1928), lot 917.

This series was attributed by Newell to Tyre, but the authors of *Seleucid Coins* have assigned it to Tarsos "based upon the empire-wide iconographic program."



Antiochos III 'the Great', 222-187 BC. AR Tetradrachm (28mm, 16.99 g, 12h). Antioch on the Orontes mint. Series 3, struck circa 204-197 BC. Diademed head right (Type Cii portrait) / [Β]ΑΣΙΛΕΥ[Σ] ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ, Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, testing arrow in his right hand, left hand on bow set on ground to right; Φ to outer left. SC 1044.4a; Le Rider, *Antioche* 131 (A11/P98) = H. B. Mattingly, "The Ma' Aret en-Num'an Hoard, 1980" in *Essays Carson-Jenkins* 6 (this coin); WSM 1091b; HGC 9, 447u. Good VF, toned.

Ex Münzen und Medaillen GmbH 11 (7 November 2002), lot 755; Münzen und Medaillen AG 61 (7 October 1982), lot 196; 1980 Ma' Aret en-Num'an Hoard (CH VI, 37; CH VII, 98; CH IX, 511).



Antiochos III 'the Great', 222-187 BC. AR Tetradrachm (31mm, 16.80 g, 12h). Uncertain mint associated with Antioch. Struck circa 222-211 BC. Diademed head right (Type Aii portrait) / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ, Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, testing arrow in his right hand, left hand on bow set on ground to right; Α to outer left. SC 1063; Le Rider, *Antioche* 36 (A9/P24 – this coin); WSM 1186; HGC 9, 447v. Good VF, lightly toned, light marks and scratches.

Ex Claude Burgan (22 December 1990), lot 54; Hans M. F. Schulman (23 March 1956), lot 676.

Antiochos' Elephants



Antiochos III 'the Great', 222-187 BC. AR Drachm (16mm, 3.96 g, 12h). Apamea on the Orontes mint(?). Diademed head right (Type Aii portrait) / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ, elephant walking right; Μ(?) to right. SC 1065.6; Houghton, *Elephants*, Group 7, Type C, 64-71 (obv. die A1); ESM 631; HGC 9, 453a. Near EF, toned, worn obverse die. Rare.

Purchased from Maison Platt, May 1984.

Antiochos III 'the Great', 222-187 BC. AR Tetradrachm (27mm, 16.72 g, 11h). Uncertain mint. Diademed head right (Type E portrait) / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩ[Σ] ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ, elephant walking right; Æ to left, Κ to right. SC 1067; Houghton, *Elephants*, Group 10, 100-1 (A6/P11); ESM 765 = WSM 868; HGC 9, 451b. Good VF, toned, compact flan. Rare.

Ex Münzen und Medaillen AG FPL 510 (May 1988), lot 23.

Originally attributed to Nisibis by Newell, and followed by Houghton in his *Museum Notes* article, the authors of *Seleucid Coins* now believe that this attribution is "doubtful," and list it as "Unattributed Issues with Elephant Types."



Antiochos III 'the Great', 222-187 BC. AR Tetradrachm (28mm, 17.12 g, 12h). "Rose" mint (Edessa?). Struck circa 213-211 BC. Diademed head right (Type Aii portrait) / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ, Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, testing arrow in his right hand, left hand on bow set on ground to right; rose to outer left, Α to outer right. SC 1121.2c; ESM 396; HGC 9, 447bb; CSE 1055 (same dies). VF, toned.

Ex Numismatic Fine Arts Winter MBS (14 December 1989), lot 649; Numismatic Fine Arts IV (24 March 1977), lot 354.



Antiochos III 'the Great', 222-187 BC. AR Tetradrachm (27mm, 17.11 g, 1h). "Rose" mint (Edessa?). Struck circa 213-211 BC. Diademed head right (Type Aii portrait) / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ, Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, testing arrow in his right hand, left hand on bow set on ground to right; rose to outer left, Α to outer right. SC 1121.2d; ESM 401; HGC 9, 447bb. VF, toned, some marks and scratches.

Purchased from Maison Platt, September 1981.

From the John Ward Collection



Seleukos IV Philopator, 187-175 BC. AR Tetradrachm (30mm, 16.95 g, 12h). Antioch on the Orontes mint. Diademed head right within fillet border / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΣΕΛΕΥΚΟΥ, Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, testing arrow in his right hand, left hand on bow set on ground to right; wreath and palm frond to outer left, ♣ in exergue. SC 1313.1; Le Rider, *Antioche* 76 (A6/P50) = Ward 785 (this coin); SMA 39; HGC 9, 580e. Good VF, toned, obverse die flaws.

Purchased from Maison Platt, September 1981. Ex John Ward Collection – Metropolitan Museum of Art (Sotheby's Zürich, 4 April 1973), lot 669.



Seleukos IV Philopator. 187-175 BC. AR Tetradrachm (29mm, 17.17 g, 12h), Uncertain mint, probably Damaskos. Diademed head right; wreath behind / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΣΕΛΕΥΚΟΥ in circular format. Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, testing arrow in his right hand, left hand on bow set on ground to right; A in exergue. SC 1329.2b; Mørkholm, *Monnayage* 7 (obv. die A5b); CSE 906 (same dies); HGC 9, 580g. Near EF, toned, obverse die flaws.

Ex Lanz 54 (12 November 1990), lot 272.

Rare Antiochos the Child Tetradrachm & Drachm From the Houghton Collection



Antiochos, son of Seleukos IV. 175 BC. AR Tetradrachm (29mm, 17.11 g, 12h). Antioch on the Orontes mint. Diademed head right of the child Antiochos within fillet border / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ, Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, testing arrow in his right hand, left hand on bow set on ground to right; tripod to outer left, A in exergue. SC 1369a; Le Rider, *Antioche* 7 (A2/P5) = CSE 92 (this coin); SMA 45; HGC 9, 610b. Good VF, toned, metal flaw on the obverse, a few light scratches and marks. Rare.

Ex Leu 50 (25 April 1990), lot 200; Arthur Houghton Collection, 92.

Antiochos, son of Seleukos IV. 175 BC. AR Drachm (19mm, 4.24 g, 12h). Antioch on the Orontes mint. Diademed head right of the child Antiochos / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ, Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, testing arrow in his right hand, left hand on bow set on ground to right; tripod to outer left, A in exergue. SC 1370; Le Rider, *Antioche* 1 (A1/P1) = CSE 95 = H. B. Mattingly, "The Ma'Aret en-Num'an Hoard, 1980" in *Essays Carson-Jenkins* 41 (this coin); HGC 9, 611. Near VF, toned, flan crack. Rare.

Ex Münzen und Medaillen AG 72 (6 October 1987), lot 686; Arthur Houghton Collection, 95; 1980 Ma'Aret en-Num'an Hoard (CH VI, 37; CH VII, 98; CH IX, 511).



Antiochos IV Epiphanes. 175-164 BC. AR Tetradrachm (34mm, 16.80 g, 12h). Antioch on the Orontes mint. Series 2, circa 173/2-169/8 BC. Diademed head right, diadem ends adorned with stars (off the flan), within fillet border / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ ΘΕΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥ, Zeus Nikephoros seated left; ⚡ in exergue. SC 1396a; Le Rider, *Antioche* 71 (A8/P48 – this coin); HGC 9, 619. EF, toned, flan crack.

Purchased from Maison Platt, September 1981.

Rare Antiochos IV Tetradrachm Honoring Zeus Nikephoros From the Houghton Collection



Antiochos IV Epiphanes. 175-164 BC. AR Tetradrachm (31mm, 16.73 g, 12h). Antioch on the Orontes mint. Series 3, circa Summer/Autumn 168-164 BC. Laureate head of Zeus right within fillet border / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ ΘΕΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥ[Σ] ΝΙΚΗΦΟΡΟΥ, Zeus Nikephoros seated left; Nike facing left, crowning epithet. SC 1399; Le Rider, *Antioche* 272 (A29/P188) = CSE 107 = H. B. Mattingly, "The Ma'aret en-Num'an Hoard, 1980" in *Essays Carson-Jenkins* 60 = Houghton, *Tetradrachm*, p. 155, fig. 1 (this coin); HGC 9, 621. EF, toned, small obverse die break across Zeus' face. Rare.

Ex Leu 52 (15 May 1991), lot 116; *NFA* 18 (31 March 1987), lot 329; Arthur Houghton Collection, 107; 1980 Ma'aret en-Num'an Hoard (CH VI, 37; CH VII, 98; CH IX, 511).

According to the authors of *Seleucid Coins*: "The occasion for this special issue, which introduces the new epithet Nicephorus (Bearer of Victory), was almost certainly Antiochus' return to Antioch after his second Egyptian campaign."



Rare Antiochos IV Tetradrachm Honoring Apollo Kitharoides

Antiochos IV Epiphanes. 175-164 BC. AR Tetradrachm (33mm, 16.41 g, 1h). Antioch on the Orontes mint. Series 3, struck circa 166 BC. Laureate head of Apollo right within fillet border / [Β]ΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ ΘΕΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΝΙΚΗΦΟΡΟΥ. Apollo, wearing chiton, standing right, holding phiale with his right hand and kithara with his left arm. SC 1401; Mørkholm 24 (obv. die A54); Le Rider, *Antioche* 552-61 (obv. die A57); SMA 64; HGC 9, 622. Good VF, lightly toned. Very rare.

Ex Leu 72 (12 May 1998), lot 307.

Associated by both Newell and Mørkholm with the great panhellenic festival celebrated at Daphne, the authors of *Seleucid Coins* state that "only ten specimens of this exceptional coinage survive, and four or five of them show traces of overstriking."

Rare "Egyptianizing" Antiochos IV Drachm

Antiochos IV Epiphanes. 175-164 BC. AR Drachm (18mm, 3.93 g, 12h). "Egyptianizing" series. Antioch on the Orontes mint. Struck circa 169-168 BC. Diademed head right within fillet border / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ ΘΕΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ, eagle, with wings closed, standing right on thunderbolt. SC 1404; Mørkholm 9 (obv. die a2) = Le Rider, *Antioche* 23-4 (obv. die A2); SMA 57; HGC 9, 627. VF, toned, light marks and scratches, flan crack. Very rare, perhaps only the third known example.

Ex Gemini IV (8 January 2008), lot 217.

This rare silver drachm is also part of the special issue that commemorates Antiochus' return to Antioch after his second Egyptian campaign, and is part of the same issue as the "Egyptianizing" bronzes.



Antiochos IV Epiphanes. 175-164 BC. AR Tetradrachm (27mm, 16.59 g, 2h). Susa mint. Diademed head right within fillet border / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ, Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, testing arrow in his right hand, left hand on bow set on ground to right; Α to outer left. SC 1530 (this coin illustrated); P. Strauss, "Un trésor de monnaies hellénistiques trouvé près de Suse" in *RN* 1971, 28 (this coin, illustrated); HGC 9, 615m. VF, toned, a few old marks.

Purchased from Maison Platt, June, 1986. Ex 1965? Susiana Hoard (IGCH 1806).



Antiochos V Eupator. 164-162 BC. AR Tetradrachm (29mm, 16.70 g, 1h). Antioch on the Orontes mint. Diademed head right within fillet border / [Β]ΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ ΕΥΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ, Zeus Nikephoros seated left; [Γ] to outer left. SC 1575.2; Le Rider, *Antioche* 132 (A5/P105 – this coin); HGC 9, 752. EF, lightly toned, metal flaw on Antiochos' neck.

Purchased from Maison Platt, September 1981.



Antiochos V Eupator. 164-162 BC. AR Tetradrachm (31mm, 16.89 g, 1h). Antioch on the Orontes mint. Diademed head right within fillet border / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ ΕΥΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ, Zeus Nikephoros seated left; [Γ] to outer left. SC 1575.2; Le Rider, *Antioche* 188 (A10/P139) = Syria, 1990 Hoard, *CH* VIII, 434, pl. LIX, 2 (this coin); HGC 9, 752. EF, lightly toned, struck off center on the obverse. Exceptional portrait.

Ex Numismatic Fine Arts Winter MBS (14 December 1989), lot 656; 1990 Syria Hoard (CH VIII, 434).



Demetrios I Soter. 162-150 BC. AR Tetradrachm (29mm, 16.73 g, 12h). Antioch on the Orontes mint. Dated SE 162 (151/0 BC). Diademed head right within laurel wreath border / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΥ ΣΩΤΗΡΟΣ, Tyche, holding scepter in right hand, cradling cornucopia in left arm, seated left on backless throne with winged Tritoness support; to outer left, Π above Ϝ; ΒΞΡ (date) in exergue. SC 1641.8d; SMA 132; HGC 9, 798; DCA 109. Good VF, lightly toned.

Purchased from Maison Platt, September 1981.

Unique Gold Stater of Demetrios I from Ekbatana From the Nelson Bunker Hunt Collection



Demetrios I Soter. 162-150 BC. AV Stater (18mm, 8.29 g, 7h). Ekbatana mint. Diademed head right within fillet border / [B] ΑΣΙΑΕΩΣ [Δ]ΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΥ ΣΩΤΗΡΟΣ, Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, testing arrow in his right hand, left hand on bow set on ground to right; KA to upper inner left. SC 1724 (this coin cited, illustrated); Le Rider, *Suse*, p. 334, A = P. Strauss, "Un trésor de monnaies hellénistiques trouvé près de Suse" in *RN* 1971, p. 135, pl. XVI, A (this coin); HGC 9, 783; G.K. Jenkins, "Recent Acquisitions of Greek Coins by the British Museum" in *NC* 1959, p. 44 (this coin mentioned). Good VF, metal flaw on cheek, edge marks. Struck from drachm dies (cf. SC 1736.2). Unique.

Ex Münzen und Medaillen AG 88 (17 May 1999), lot 284; Nelson Bunker Hunt Collection (Sotheby's New York, 4 December 1990), lot 57; Lew 20 (25 April 1978), lot 164; Azizbeglou Collection (Tehran); 1965? Susiana Hoard (IGCH 1806).

The catalogue of this coin for the Münzen und Medaillen sale also lists the Susiana Hoard, 1965? (*IGCH* 1806), as part of the provenance, and indeed, in the entry for 1806 on p. 259, two gold staters of Demetrios I (Ekbatana) are listed as part of this hoard. It is also mentioned in the *IGCH* citation that this hoard "should be connected with the Susiana hoard from 1958 or 1959, no. 1805 above, and the discovery (date) lowered accordingly."



Demetrios I Soter. 162-150 BC. AR Drachm (17mm, 3.83 g, 8h). Ekbatana mint. Diademed head right / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΥ [ΞΩ]ΤΗ[ΡΩΣ]. Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, testing arrow in his right hand, left hand on bow set on ground to right. SC 1735.3e (this coin cited); HGC 9, 803a; CSE 1252 (this coin). EF, lightly toned, struck from a worn obverse die.

Purchased from Münzen und Medaillen AG, September 1989. Ex Arthur Houghton Collection, 1252.

Alexander I Balas. 152-145 BC. AR Drachm (17mm, 3.98 g, 12h). Antioch on the Orontes mint. Undated issue, struck circa SE 164-165 (149/8-148/7 BC). Diademed head right / [Β]ΑΣΙΛ[ΕΩΣ] ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡ[ΟΥ] ΘΕΟΠΑ-ΤΟΡΟΣ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ. Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, testing arrow in his right hand, left hand on bow set on ground to right; Α to outer left, uncertain monogram (off the flan) in exergue. Cf. SC 1785.5; HGC 9, 887a. Good VF, toned, a few spots of porosity, metal flaw on the reverse, small flan cracks.

Purchased from Maison Platt, September 1981.

Hellenized Zeus with Archaizing Coiffure



Alexander I Balas. 152-145 BC. AR Tetradrachm (30mm, 16.73 g, 4h). Seleukeia in Pieria mint. Dated SE 166 (147/6 BC). Laureate head of Zeus to right, with full beard and with his hair arranged in long curls of archaizing form / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ, winged thunderbolt; above, ΞΕΡ (date) and Β; below, ΒΥ and Α; all within wreath of grain ears with ties to right. SC 1798; Houghton, *Tetradrachm*, p. 153 (obv. die A1); HGC 9, 874; DCA 124 (this coin cited); CSE 409 (same obv. die). VF, toned. Very rare. One of approximately fifteen known examples, of which at least seven are in museums.

Ex Leu 71 (24 October 1997), lot 233.

This tetradrachm struck by Alexander Balas is among the most intriguing of the Seleukid series. Unlike the usual royal tetradrachm issues that dominate the series, this coin employs types that are directly related to the city in which it was struck. Seleukeia was well noted for its cult of Zeus Kasios, and there are also reports that a thunderbolt cult existed there (Appian, *Syr.* 58). Moreover, the idealized, Pheidias-influenced portrait of Zeus and the winged thunderbolt had been types struck on municipal bronze issues of Seleukeia from the establishment of the city under Seleukos I.

This novel issue is likely a reflection of the prominence of the city under Alexander. At the beginning of his reign, immediately following his overthrow of Demetrios I, Seleukeia was the first city in northern Syria under his total control. In contrast, Antioch refused to accept him, and struck a series of posthumous coins in the name of Antiochos IV. Without having control of the Antioch mint, Alexander was forced to begin striking coinage at Seleukeia, which had been only a peripheral mint in earlier reigns. Although there is no known event in SE 166 that would give rise to such a special coin issue, the purely civic nature of the types strongly suggests that the city retained a level of high prominence during the later years of his reign.



Alexander I Balas. 152-145 BC. AR Tetradrachm (26mm, 14.21 g, 12h). Sidon mint. Dated SE 162 (151/0 BC). Diademed head right / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ, eagle standing left; palm frond behind; to left, ΒΞΡ (date); to right, ΣΙΔΩ above aphlaston. SC 1830.1; Rouvier 1227; HGC 9, 882; DCA 122; CSE 713; SNG Spaer 1512. EF, toned. Exceptional.

Purchased from Maison Platt, September 1981.



Alexander I Balas. 152-145 BC. AR Tetradrachm (28mm, 14.08 g, 12h). Tyre mint. Dated SE 166 (147/6 BC). Diademed and draped bust right / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ, eagle standing left on prow left; palm frond behind; to left, club surmounted by Ψ; to right, ΞΞΡ (date) above Β. SC 1835.5a; Rouvier 1870; HGC 9, 883; DCA 123. EF, toned.

Purchased from Maison Platt, September 1981.



Enlargement of next coin

Marriage Commemorative for Alexander & Kleopatra Thea



Alexander I Balas, with Kleopatra Thea. 152-145 BC. AR Tetradrachm (29mm, 16.95 g, 12h). Marriage Commemorative. Ptolemais (Ake) mint. Struck circa 150 BC. Jugate busts of Kleopatra Thea and Alexander I right; Kleopatra is veiled, diademed, and wearing kalathos with a cornucopia behind her shoulder; Alexander is diademed; Λ to left; all within fillet border / [B]ΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ [A]ΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ [Θ]ΕΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ [Ε]ΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ, Zeus Nikephoros enthroned left, holding scepter with his left hand and Nike facing in his right; Nike holds a thunderbolt across her body. SC 1841; Houghton, *Double* 4-5 (A1/P2); CSE 407; HGC 9, 880. Good VF, toned, lustrous. Very rare.

Ex Leu 50 (25 April 1990), lot 205.

This rare issue was struck to commemorate the marriage of Alexander I Balas and Kleopatra Thea in 150 BC, a union that politically united the Ptolemaic and Seleukid Empires. Previously thought to be a special emission of the Seleukeia in Pieria mint, based on the imagery of Nike holding a thunderbolt, it is now attributed to the Ptolemais (Ake) mint.



Alexander I Balas. 152-145 BC. AR Tetradrachm (26mm, 16.03 g, 12h). Seleukeia on the Tigris mint. Struck circa 150-145 BC. Diademed head right / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ [A]ΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ [Θ]ΕΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ, Zeus Nikephoros seated left; Σ in exergue. SC 1858.3; Le Rider, *Suse* 312; HGC 9, 875f; CSE 1004; SNG Spaer 1586. VF, toned, lamination flaw on the reverse.

Purchased from Maison Platt, September 1981.



Alexander I Balas. 152-145 BC. AR Tetradrachm (25mm, 16.78 g, 7h). Susa mint. Struck circa 150-147 BC. Diademed head right / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ [A]ΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ, Apollo Delphios seated left on omphalos, testing arrow in his right hand, left hand on bow set on ground to right; [Δ(?) to outer left], Σ in exergue. SC 1867.5; cf. Le Rider, *Suse* 82; HGC 9, 872; CSE 1079 (same rev. die). Good VF, toned, compact flan.

Purchased from Maison Platt, September 1981.



Demetrios II Nikator. First reign, 146-138 BC. AR Drachm (16mm, 4.03 g, 12h). Seleukeia in Pieria mint. Diademed head right / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩ[Σ] ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΥ ΘΕΟΥ ΦΙΛΑΔΕΛΦΟΥ[Υ] ΝΙΚΑΤΟΡ[ΟΣ], anchor, flukes upward; ΑΘ in exergue. SC 1927Ac; HGC 9, 983. EF, minor obverse die rust. Rare.

Ex Berk BBS 158 (26 March 2008), lot 160.



SC 1954.2b



SC 1959.1a



Demetrios II Nikator. First reign, 146-138 BC. AR Tetradrachm (28mm, 14.04 g, 1h). Sidon mint. Dated SE 168 (145/4 BC). Diademed and draped bust right / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΥ, eagle standing left; palm frond behind; to left, ΗΞΡ (date) above Π; to right, ΣΙΔΩΝ above aphlaston. SC 1954.2b; Rouvier 1237; HGC 9, 969; DCA 152. EF, lightly toned.

Ex Lanz 54 (12 November 1990), lot 276.

Demetrios II Nikator. First reign, 146-138 BC. AR Tetradrachm (25mm, 14.09 g, 12h). Tyre mint. Dated SE 167 (146/5 BC). Diademed and draped bust right / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΥ, eagle standing left on prow left; palm frond behind; to left, club surmounted by Ψ; to right, ΙΞΡ (date) above Σ. SC 1959.1a; Rouvier 1872; HGC 9, 970; DCA 153. EF, lightly toned.

Ex Lanz 54 (12 November 1990), lot 275.



Demetrios II Nikator. First reign, 146-138 BC. AR Tetradrachm (27mm, 16.35 g, 1h). Seleukeia on the Tigris mint. Struck circa 145-July 141 BC. Diademed head right within fillet border / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩ[Σ] ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΥ ΦΙΛΑΔΕΛΦΟΥ ΝΙΚΑΤΟΡΟΣ, Tyche, holding scepter in right hand, cradling cornucopia with left arm, seated left on backless throne with winged Tritoness support; Α in exergue. SC 1984.1; HGC 9, 967; CSE 1010. Good VF, toned, struck slightly off center on the obverse.

Purchased from Maison Platt, September 1981.

One of Two Known Examples



Antiochos VI Dionysos. 144-142 BC. AR Tetradrachm (29mm, 17.03 g, 12h). Tarsos mint. Struck circa 143/2-142 BC. Diademed head right / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩ[Σ] ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΔΙΟΝΥΣΟΥ, Sandan standing right on back of horned lion-griffin standing right upon garlanded altar with *baldachin*; $\overline{\text{P}}$ and $\overline{\text{A}}$ in exergue. SC 1996 (this coin cited); HGC 9, 1030 (this coin illustrated); CSE II 548 (where controls are clear). Near EF, toned. Extremely rare, possibly only two known examples (this and CSE II coin).

Ex Leu 50 (25 April 1990), lot 207; 1972 Cilicia (Kirikhan) Hoard (CH I, 87A; CH II, 90).



Antiochos VI Dionysos. 144-142 BC. AR Tetradrachm (29mm, 16.74 g, 1h). Antioch on the Orontes mint. Dated SE 170 (143/2 BC). Radiate and diademed head right within fillet border / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΔΙΟΝΥΣΟΥ, the Dioskouroi, holding reins in right hand and couched lances in left, on horses rearing left; to right, ΤΡΥ above X above ΣΤΑ; OP (date) below; all within wreath of laurel, ivy, and grain ears. SC 2000.3d; SMA 242; HGC 9, 1032; DCA 177; Sunrise 208 (same obv die). Choice EF, toned.

Purchased from Pesce (Lyon), December 1983.



Antiochos VI Dionysos. 144-142 BC. AR Drachm (18mm, 4.13 g, 12h). Antioch on the Orontes mint. Undated issue, struck circa 143-142 BC. Radiate and diademed head right / [Β]ΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥ[Σ] ΔΙΟΝΥΣΟΥ, spoked Macedonian helmet with cheek guards, adorned with wild goat's horn above visor; ΤΡΥ above helmet, Α to lower right. SC 2003a; SMA –; Sunrise 209; SNG Spaer 1818; HGC 9, 1037. Good VF, toned, flan crack.

Purchased from Maison Platt, September 1981.

Rare Issue of Tryphon



Tryphon. Circa 142-138 BC. AR Drachm (19mm, 4.35 g, 12h). Antioch on the Orontes mint. Diademed head right / [Β]ΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΤΡΥΦΩΝΟΣ ΑΥΤΟΚΡΑΤΟΡΟΣ, spoked Macedonian helmet with cheek guards, adorned with wild goat's horn above visor; Η to inner left. SC 2033d; SMA 267; Seyrig 18; HGC 9, 1060. Near EF, lightly toned, a few light scratches. Rare.

Ex Numismatica Genevensis SA II (18 November 2002), lot 66.

From the Houghton Collection



Tryphon. Circa 142-138 BC. AR Tetradrachm (28mm, 16.29 g, 12h). Uncertain mint 99, probably in Northern Syria. Diademed head right / [Β]ΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΤΡΥΦΩΝΟΣ ΑΥΤΟΚΡΑΤΟΡΟΣ, spoked Macedonian helmet with cheek guards, adorned with wild goat's horn above visor; all within oak wreath. SC 2037 (this coin cited, illustrated); SMA 263; Seyrig 1 (Antioch mint); HGC 9, 1055; CSE 255 (this coin). EF, toned, some minor porosity. Rare.

Purchased from Münzen und Medaillen AG, June 1993. Ex Arthur Houghton Collection, 255.

A military commander and leading supporter of the usurper Alexander I Balas, Diodotos placed Antiochos VI on the Seleukid throne following Balas' death. Two years later, upon the death of the young king, Diodotos took the throne himself, supposedly upon the acclamation of his troops. Unlike previous usurpers, Diodotos did not fabricate his lineage into the Seleukid house, but maintained that the Seleukid line had ended, and his was the beginning of a new era. He broke tradition by assuming the title autocrat rather than king, and took the name Tryphon ('the luxurious'). His reign proved very unpopular, and a new Seleukid claimant, Antiochos VII Sidetes, rose up against him. Within three years, Tryphon was defeated and killed.



Tryphon. Circa 142-138 BC. AR Tetradrachm (29mm, 13.51 g, 12h). Ptolemaïs (Ake) mint. Dated RY 4 (139/8 BC). Diademed and draped bust right / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΤΡΥΦΩΝΟΣ ΑΥΤΟΚΡΑΤΟΡΟΣ, eagle standing left on thunderbolt; Λ Δ (date) to right, Π to left. SC 2046.2c; CSE 800; Seyrig 38; HGC 9, 1057. EF, toned, minor roughness and deposits. Rare.

Purchased from Maison Platt, April 1986.

From the Arthur Houghton Collection

Antiochos VII Euergetes (Sidetes). 138-129 BC. AR Tetradrachm (30mm, 16.41 g, 12h). Antioch on the Orontes mint. Diademed head right within fillet border / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥΣΣ, Athena Nikephoros standing left; to outer left, Φ above Α; to inner right, Φ; all within wreath. SC 2061.4b; SMA 292; HGC 9, 1067d; CSE 266 (this coin). Good VF, toned, a few light marks and deposits.

Purchased from Münzen und Medaillen AG, September 1989. Ex Arthur Houghton Collection, 266.

From the Burton Y. Berry Collection

Antiochos VII Euergetes (Sidetes). 138-129 BC. AR Tetradrachm (31mm, 16.58 g, 12h). Damaskos mint. Dated SE 182 (131/0 BC). Diademed head right within fillet border / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ, Athena Nikephoros standing left; ΑΡ to outer left; ΒΠΡ (date) in exergue; all within wreath. SC 2096.9a; LSM 63; HGC 9, 1067o; SNG Berry 1386 (this coin). Good VF, toned.

Ex Numismatic Art & Ancient Coins 4 (Zürich, 17 April 1986), lot 255; Burton Y. Berry Collection, 1386.



Demetrios II Nikator. Second reign, 129-125 BC. AR Tetradrachm (30mm, 16.81 g, 12h). Tarsos mint, "Royal" Workshop. Diademed head right within fillet border / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΥ ΘΕΟΥ ΝΙΚΑ-ΤΟΡΟΣ, Zeus Nikephoros seated left; ⲡ above ⲡ to outer left. SC 2156.3; Houghton, *Second*, Group D, dies A4/P10 (this coin illustrated); HGC 9, 1117a. EF, toned. Superb portrait.

Purchased from Maison Platt, September 1981. Ex Hess-Leu 24 (16 April 1964), lot 241.



Antiochos Epiphanes. Usurper, 128 BC. AR Tetradrachm (28mm, 17.14 g, 5h). Antioch on the Orontes mint. Diademed head right within fillet border / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ, Tyche standing facing, head left, wearing kalathos, holding tiller with her right hand, cradling filleted cornucopia with her left arm; Σ to outer left, Ⓢ to inner right. SC 2208; Houghton & Le Rider 1-4 (D1/R1); HGC 9, 1145. Good VF, toned, graffito in right reverse field. Very rare, all extant specimens struck from one set of dies.

Ex Leu 83 (6 May 2002), lot 393; Peus 351 (23 April 1997), lot 310 (misidentified as Antiochos VIII); Leu 61 (17 May 1995), lot 175.

This silver tetradrachm type, with a diademed head of a young Antiochos Epiphanes, is the only evidence of an uncertain king. It has been suggested that it is a very young Antiochos VIII, elevated to the throne by his mother Kleopatra Thea, but perhaps "the more logical choice may have been her older son by Antiochos VII (assuming he was still alive) rather than the future Antiochos VIII, a son of the detested Demetrios and a younger son at that."

Unique Gold Stater of Alexander II Zabinas



Alexander II Zabinas. 128-122 BC. AV Stater (19mm, 8.47 g, 12h). Antioch on the Orontes mint. Diademed head right within beaded border / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ, Zeus Nikephoros seated left. SC 2216 corr. (fillet border – this coin cited, illustrated); HGC 9, 1148 (this coin illustrated). EF, a few rim bruises, minor die rust, small die flaw on Alexander's neck. Unique for issue, and possibly only one of two gold staters known for Alexander.

Ex Berk BBS 109 (20 July 1999), lot 11.

The authors of *Seleucid Coins* recount Justin's narrative (39.2.5-6) of "how Alexander, defeated by Antiochus VIII and short of money to pay his remaining troops, looted the golden Nike from the statue of Olympian Zeus in the temple of Apollo at Daphne, before attempting to escape to Greece." Babelon and Newell related this anecdote to the previously only known gold stater of Alexander II (SC 2215) with the "otherwise unattested epithets" of ΘΕΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΝΙΚΗΦΟΡΟΥ (God Manifest, Bearer of Victory).

The unique gold stater offered here, unknown to Babelon and Newell, "is a more plausible candidate to be associated with Alexander's theft of the Nike statue. It should be noted, however, that Diodorus 34/35.28 alleges that Alexander was captured only two days after his temple robbery. If the account of Diodorus be preferred to that of Justin, there would be no time for the gold statue to be converted into coin."



Alexander II Zabinas. 128-122 BC. AR Tetradrachm (29mm, 16.58 g, 1h). Antioch on the Orontes mint. Diademed head right within fillet border / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ, Zeus Nikephoros seated left; ΣΙ to outer left, star above Σ below throne. SC 2217.3d; SMA 329; HGC 9, 1149d; CSE 297 (this coin). Near EF, toned, flan cracks.

Ex Leu 42 (12 May 1987), lot 356; Arthur Houghton Collection, 297.

An Important Sole Reign Tetradrachm of Kleopatra Thea



Kleopatra Thea. Sole Reign, 125 BC. AR Tetradrachm (29mm, 16.44 g, 1h). Ptolemais (Ake) mint. Dated SE 187 (126/5 BC). Diademed and veiled bust right, wearing stephane, within fillet border / ΒΑΣΙΛΙΣΣΗΣ ΚΛΕΟΠΑΤΡΑΣ ΘΕΑΣ ΕΥΕΘΡΙΑΣ, filleted double cornucopia; Σ to inner right, ΙΠΡ (date) in exergue. SC 2258.2; LSM 7; HGC 9, 1180; Seyrig, *Trésors* 30.242 var. (monogram). Good VF, lightly toned, some minor porosity, lamination on cheek. Extremely rare, perhaps fewer than six known.

Purchased from Numismatica Genevensis SA, 2011. Ex Spink 165 (8 October 2003), lot 87.

An extremely rare sole reign issue of Kleopatra Thea with a reverse type that reveals her Ptolemaic roots—the filleted double cornucopia. One of the great rarities of the Seleukid series and one of the highlights of this collection.

From the Burton Y. Berry Collection



Kleopatra Thea & Antiochos VIII. 125-121 BC. AR Tetradrachm (30mm, 16.70 g, 1h). Damaskos mint. Dated SE 191 (122/1 BC). Jugate busts right of Kleopatra Thea, wearing diadem, veil, and stephane, and Antiochos VIII, wearing diadem; all within fillet border / [ΒΑ]ΣΙΛΙΣΣ[Η]Σ [Κ]ΛΕΟΠΑΤΡΑΣ ΘΕΑΣ ΚΑΙ ΒΑΣ-ΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤ-ΙΟΧΟΥ, Zeus Nikephoros seated left; Ω to outer left, Α below throne, ΑΡ (date) in exergue. SC 2267.1 var. (monogram below throne); LSM 86 var. (same); HGC 9, 1182d; SNG Berry 1401 (this coin). Near EF, toned, a few marks, short flan crack. Rare.

Ex Numismatic Art & Ancient Coins 4 (Zürich, 17 April 1986), lot 263; Burton Y. Berry Collection, 1401.



Antiochos VIII Epiphanes (Grypos). 121/0-97/6 BC. AR Tetradrachm (28mm, 16.38 g, 12h). Tarsos mint. Second reign, Series 3, struck after 112-96 BC. Diademed head right within fillet border / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ, Sandan standing right on back of horned lion-griffin standing right upon garlanded altar with baldachin; Ξ above ΜΕ to outer left. SC 2288.1b; HGC 9, 1198; SNG Copenhagen 403. Good VF, toned, some light marks. Rare.

Ex Leu 42 (12 May 1987), lot 357; Naville X (15 June 1925), lot 1450.



Antiochos VIII Epiphanes (Grypos). 121/0-97/6 BC. AR Tetradrachm (29mm, 16.65 g, 12h). Antioch on the Orontes mint. First reign at Antioch, 121/0-113 BC. Diademed head right within fillet border / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ, Zeus Ouranios standing left, holding star in extended right hand and scepter in left; to outer left, ΙΕ above Α, Φ in exergue; all within wreath. SC 2298.1b; SMA 377; HGC 9, 1197e. EF, toned, flan crack.

Purchased from Münzen und Medaillen AG, September 1989.



Antiochos VIII Epiphanes (Grypos), 121/0-97/6 BC. AR Tetradrachm (27mm, 15.97 g, 1h). Antioch on the Orontes mint. Third reign at Antioch, 109-96 BC. Diademed head right within fillet border / [B]ΑΣΙΛΕΩ[Σ] ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ, Zeus Nikephoros seated left; ⚡ above Α to outer left, Δ below throne; pellet within Nike's wreath. SC 2309.1b; HGC 9, 1200; CSE 346. EF, toned, a few deposits.

Purchased from Maison Platt, September 1981.



Antiochos VIII Epiphanes (Grypos), 121/0-97/6 BC. AR Tetradrachm (31mm, 16.57 g, 12h). Ptolemais (Ake) mint. Struck circa 121/0-113 BC. Diademed head right within fillet border / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ, Zeus Ouranios standing left, holding star in extended right hand and scepter in left; to outer left, Δ; all within wreath. SC 2336.2a; LSM 35; HGC 9, 1197h; CSE 813; SNG Spaer 2592. EF, toned.

Purchased from Maison Platt, January 1986. Ex Münzen und Medaillen AG 54 (26 October 1978), lot 366.



Antiochos IX Eusebes Philopator (Kyzikenos), 114/3-95 BC. AR Tetradrachm (27mm, 14.87 g, 1h). Antioch on the Orontes mint. Third reign, struck circa 96-95 BC. Diademed head right within fillet border / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ ΦΙΛΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ, Zeus Nikephoros seated left; ⚡ above Α to outer left, Η to inner left, Δ below throne; all within wreath. SC 2369.3c; SMA 415; HGC 9, 1232; CSE 352 (same obv. die). VF, toned, light porosity, graffito in obverse field before nose.

Ex Numismatic Fine Arts Winter MBS (14 December 1989), lot 696.



Antiochos IX Eusebes Philopator (Kyzikenos). 114/3-95 BC. AR Tetradrachm (30mm, 16.22 g, 12h). Damaskos mint. Dated SE 200 (113/2 BC). Diademed head right with thin, curly beard; all within fillet border / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ ΦΙΛΟ-ΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ, Athena Nikephoros standing left; Μ above ΕΣ to outer left, Σ (date) in exergue; all within wreath. SC 2381.1; LSM 107; HGC 9, 1228j. Choice EF, slight obverse die shift, a bit of porosity on the reverse, obverse die break on the back of Antiochos' neck.

Ex Numismatica Ars Classica 1 (29 March 1989), lot 243.



Antiochos IX Eusebes Philopator (Kyzikenos). 114/3-95 BC. AR Tetradrachm (28mm, 16.41 g, 12h). Ptolemaïs (Ake) mint. Struck circa 113/2-107/6 BC. Diademed head right with long, curly sideburn; all within fillet border / [Β]ΑΣΙΛΕΥ[Σ] ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ ΦΙΛΟ-ΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ, Athena Nikephoros standing left; Π to outer left; all within wreath. SC 2390.5; HGC 9, 1228i; SNG Spaer 2747 (same obv. die). Good VF, toned.

Purchased from Vinchon, April 1985.



Demetrios III Eukairos. 97/6-88/7 BC. AR Tetradrachm (28mm, 15.44 g, 12h). Damaskos mint. Dated SE 222 (91/0 BC). Diademed head right with thick, curly beard; all within fillet border / [Β]ΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΥ ΘΕΟΥ ΦΙΛΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ ΣΩΤΗΡΟΣ, cult statue of Atargatis standing facing, arms extended, holding flower in left hand, barley stalk rising from each shoulder; Ν above Ε to outer left; ΒΚΕ (date) in exergue; all within wreath. SC 2451.6; HHV 86 (A17/P79 – this coin); HGC 9, 1305; DCA 304. Good VF, toned.

Ex Numismatic Fine Arts XX (9 March 1988), lot 803.

Extremely Rare Seleukos VI Tetradrachm



Seleukos VI Epiphanes Nikator. Circa 96-94 BC. AR Tetradrachm (28mm, 14.46 g, 12h). Reduced weight standard. Seleukeia on the Kalykadnos mint. Diademed head right within fillet border / [Β]ΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΣΕΛΕΥΚΟΝ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΝΙΚΑΤΟΡΟΣ, Athena Nikephoros standing left; flower to outer left, Σ and AN to inner left (placed sideways, reading downward); all within wreath. SC 2405.8; Houghton, *Seleucia* 57-8 (A17/P- [unlisted reverse die]); HGC 9, 1272. Good VF, toned, rough surfaces. Only two examples known to Houghton at the time of his die study (1989).

Ex Lanz 50 (27 November 1989), lot 467.



Seleukos VI Epiphanes Nikator. Circa 96-94 BC. AR Tetradrachm (27mm, 16.08 g, 12h). Antioch on the Orontes mint. Struck circa 95/4 BC. Diademed head right within fillet border / [Β]ΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΣΕΛΕΥΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ [Ν]ΙΚΑΤΟΡ[Ο]Σ, Zeus Nikephoros seated left; κ above A to outer left, A below throne; all within wreath. SC 2414.1g; HGC 9, 1269; CSE 368. Near EF, toned.

Purchased from Maison Platt, September 1981.



Antiochos X Eusebes Philopator. Circa 94-88 BC. AR Tetradrachm (28mm, 16.06 g, 1h). Antioch on the Orontes mint. First reign, struck circa 94 BC. Diademed head right within fillet border / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΝ ΕΥΣΕΒΟΥΣ [ΦΙΛΟΠΑΤΟΡΟ]Σ, Zeus Nikephoros seated left; Ξ above A to outer left, Δ below throne; all within wreath. SC 2429.1c; SMA 430; HGC 9, 1287; SNG Spaer 2790-1. Choice EF, thin die break on the obverse.

Purchased from Maison Platt, September 1981.

Unique Tetradrachm of Antiochos XI & Philip I



Antiochos XI & Philip I. Circa 94-93 BC. AR Tetradrachm (27mm, 16.04 g, 1h). Uncertain Cilician(?) mint. Jugate, diademed heads of Antiochos XI (foreground) and Philip I within filleted border / [Β]ΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ [Κ]ΑΙ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ [Φ]ΙΛΙΠΠΟΥ, Zeus Nikephoros seated left; uncertain letter or monogram above Φ, which is above an uncertain monogram to outer left, Φ below throne; all within wreath. SC 2438 (this coin cited); A. Houghton, "The Struggle for the Seleucid Succession, 94-92 BC: A New Tetradrachm of Antiochos XI and Philip I of Antioch" in *SNR* 77 (1998), pp. 65-9, pl. 12, no. 1 (this coin); HGC 9, 1297 (this coin illustrated). EF, toned. Unique.

Purchased from Numismatica Ars Classica, December 1998. Ex Triton II (1 December 1998), lot 484; Freeman & Sear FPL 5 (Spring 1998), lot E83.

Originally assigned to Antioch by Houghton in his *SNR* article, it was reassigned by the authors of *Seleucid Coins* to "Uncertain Cilician Issues," as the "style of the portraits and the form of the controls differ from those of Antiochos XI's sole reign in the Syrian capital." This unique tetradrachm is evidence of the chaotic civil wars between the five sons of Antiochos VIII, their uncle Antiochos IX and cousin Antiochos X.



Philip I Philadelphos. Circa 95/4-76/5 BC. AR Tetradrachm (25mm, 14.88 g, 1h). Posthumous issue under the Roman administration. Antioch on the Orontes mint. Struck under Crassus, quaestor, 54/3 BC. Diademed head of Philip I right within fillet border / [Β]ΑΣΙΛ[ΕΩΣ] ΦΙΛΙΠΠΟ[Υ] ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥ[Σ] [Φ]ΙΛΑΔΕΛΦ[ΟΥ], Zeus Nikephoros seated left; ξ to inner left, Δ below throne, [ΚΑ] and thunderbolt in exergue; all within wreath. SC 2489.2; RPC I 4125; McAlee 2; Prieur 2; HGC 9, 1357. EF, lightly toned.

Purchased from Maison Platt, September 1981.



Philip I Philadelphos. Circa 95/4-76/5 BC. AR Tetradrachm (27mm, 15.10 g, 1h). Posthumous issue under the Roman administration. Antioch on the Orontes mint. Struck under C. Cassius Longinus, proquaestor, 53/2 BC. Diademed head of Philip I right within fillet border / [Β]ΑΣΙΛΕΩ[Σ] ΦΙΛΙΠΠΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΑΔΕΛΦΟ[Υ], Zeus Nikephoros seated left; ⚡ to inner left, Δ below throne, thunderbolt in exergue; all within wreath. SC 2489.3; RPC I 4126; McAlee 3; Prieur 3; HGC 9, 1358. EF, minor porosity.

Purchased from Maison Platt, September 1981.

Very Rare Antiochos XII



Antiochos XII Dionysos. 87/6-83/2 BC. AR Tetradrachm (27mm, 16.02 g, 12h). Damaskos mint. Dated SE 227 (86/5 BC). Diademed head right within fillet border / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΟΠΑΤΟΡΟΣ ΚΑΛΛΙΝΙΚΟΥ, cult statue of Hadad standing facing on double basis, holding barley stalk with left hand; flanked by foreparts of two bulls; Δ to outer left, Α and ΖΚΛ (date) in exergue; all within wreath. SC 2471.4a; HHV 6 (A4/P6 – this coin); HGC 9, 1324. VF, toned, lamination on Antiochos' cheek. Very rare.

Ex Berk BBS 124 (3 January 2002), lot 216.



Antiochos XIII Philadelphos (Asiatikos). 69/8-67 & 65/4 BC. AR Tetradrachm (24mm, 15.02 g, 12h). Antioch on the Orontes mint. Diademed head right within fillet border / [Β]ΑΣΙΛΕΩ[Σ] ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ [ΦΙΛΑΔΕΛΦΟΥ], Zeus Nikephoros seated left; ⚡ to inner left; all within wreath. SC 2487a; SMA 460; HGC 9, 1340; CSE 399. Near VF, toned. Rare.

Ex Lanz 138 (26 November 2007), lot 456.

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